ASMSU Senate Meeting Minutes for December 1st, 2011

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm

Roll Call:

Review previous minute:

French move to approve

Seconded Senator Lake

18/0/0

Public Comment:

Presentations:

Kate Neitzling and Eric- Leadership institute

Eric- (presentation on overview of staff, small events, Fall films)

Kate- (Freshman Convocation, Maya Angelou)

Marsh- do you have your schedule prepared for next year?

Eric- it’s lined out but we haven’t released names of our speakers

Adel Nehmeh- it’s not a leadership institute program, but its actually under University studies.

Colleen Lindner- Streamline

I am the office manager of ASMSU and I am also on the Streamline Transit Committee Board. Please come to the City Commission meeting on Monday, and we will be presenting this Power Point as well. I want some direction from you about parking overnight downtown- if Streamline could be of some help because they are interested in that. There is a bus fee $4.50 that goes to the bus, and it generates 87-90,000 a year. The fee was voted in 1987, which was the Bobcat Transit. (History on this transportation service) (Presentation on Streamline- Advisory Board, ridership, financial contributors and Fiscal year layout, overview of services, bus shelters (future), GPS system (texting and up to date routes and locations)

Steffens- is there a tentative plan of the situation with overnight parking?

Colleen- we would say we support the students decision. Where did it leave off?

Bernard- my understanding is that the problem is that in the winter the plows would not be able to do the job. But there are public parking lots down town?
Colleen- there are those lots and the parking is enforced 8am-6pm. I think we just need to advertise that.

Nash Addicks- I don’t think that snow plows would be a problem, cars are always there anyway.

VP Steffens- Mayor Krause said he doesn’t want to hurt businesses on Main Street if the snow is in the way.

Colleen- streamline does run on campus during Christmas break. We have decided to keep both buses running this break because of ridership. If you want to look at the streamline budget just let me know and please come to the meetings.

Kirk Branch- Library Writing Center

I am the director of the writing program and a professor in the English dept. thank you for your support in the writing center, and it was passed by the Board of Regents. I see your support as a big responsibility for us. It means we have a lot to live up to. We will be the first big windows in Wilson hall. It will be slightly smaller than earlier discussed. As of today we have had 2184 visits to the writing center. We are far beyond the capacity. We are unable to take in walk in appts. One of the goals for the new center is a writing center director, and its something we need to meet demand and move to the next level. Many of these are repeat visits. A Tenure track director will help us live up to the goals etc, online tutoring services, workshops for faculty, noncredit classes. Lots of work we can do with the writing center.

Kolar- do you do editing of resumes at the writing center?

Kirk- it’s not an editing service, but we do work on anything presented to us of all texts.

Abeh- is it possible in the future to hire people who aren’t English papers, because sometimes the content isn’t understood by those who work there, especially scientific papers.

Kirk- this is one thing we know we need to do. We have a need for a lot of peer tutors for the writing center. We don’t have enough especially across disciplines. Majority of our students who come in are from other Colleges across the campus.

Lake- thank you for all your work, its been really great.

Bernard-its interesting to hear it isn’t just editing. Many think its for editing. Have you thought about increasing awareness about this not being editing?

Kirk- we have an employee who improves the communications and explaining what the writing center really is. It’s a full on discussion about you, your writing, and helps awareness of your writing.
Bethany Cordell- PR Director

PR is very overwhelmed with the concert right now, and we are revamping the image of the procrastinator. We are working on a comedy night for next semester. We did an awesome Facebook Promotion for football tickets. It was really exciting. We do plan on doing a similar promotion next week for 3OH!3. we were just coming up with a few more ideas for pushes about the concert.

We wanted to get a feel of how many people are going to the meet and greet for the concert.

French- if you happen to be in the 59 how did you find out?

Bethany- it will be in a private message and also tomorrow come in with an ID for a voucher.

Unfinished Business-

New Business-

Supplemental Request- ASMSU Awareness

Lake- $360 for snacks on our tabling in the Library. Its for 5 days during dead week,

Marsh- we are really excited about tabling because this si something we wanted to do at the retreat. (Clip from the Exponent) this is a supplemental from the senators because this is hopefully a onetime thing and change the budget to have awareness funds in the budget.

Rogala- move to approve

Seconded by SVP Haskell

Krueger- what’s the difference between this and PR? It seems like this could have come from CE, PR or president’s discretionary funds. A lot of his funds are spoken for, and since this is quick and last minute we decided to do this. PR we didn’t really look into that.

Rogala- how many hours are senators expected to do this?

Lake- to sign up for 2 one hour slots to count towards your offices hours. In the library and the SUB. Should be do-able.

McLaughlin- we want this to be a one time thing, what about next semester?

Lake- we would go through PR or another venue.

Krueger- what else will be on the table besides food?

Lake- things left over from Catapolooza, a chance to reach out to constituents.
Krueger- is the new brochure finalized?

VP Steffens- yes they are and they have been getting a great response.

McLaughlin- how are you going to hand out stuff? How do you keep attention if you run out?

Lake- the main point is to reach out to constituents. It also depends on when you all can sign up we wont be there the whole time.

Marsh- the thought is to get out there. We will split the amount up per day. If you run out, then its out. You just have to be excited and willing to do this and see our faces.

John Stiles- CE cant really handle that, maybe PR can do a raffle or something on tickets.

15/2/2 (Marsh and Lake abstained)

Strategic Planning Discussion- DOS Matt Caires et al.

Marsh- move to have the senate resolve itself into a quasi-committee of the whole

Seconded by duker

19/0/0

I am Joe thiel and I was a former senator and I am student regent, and we are part of the strategic planning committee. A mission statement, core themes and metrics for the next 5 years. This will hopefully be tied to the budget. Its going to have a big effect on what this university will do down the road. We want feedback and ideas, what’s has made your experience valuable and where you wanted to see this going.

Matt Caires- many of you attended the town hall meeting. We want to ask you questions, and other organizations as well.

1. When you hear the word values what do you think of when it pertains to MSU?

Rogala- land grant mission and how it can be interpreted. Through outreach and extension to all members of the Montana community.

Bernard- new teaching styles, different class orientations, block learning.

Krueger- teachers salaries, and boosting those, because we are not paying professors very well,

Floerchinger- commitment of research. It looks really good.

VP Steffens- largest funded institution in Montana. Our research directions.

Steffens- research institutions, and a good “scene” in the arts.

Haskell- community. A very diverse campus population.
Matt- Pride and loyalty?
Lawson- its also reaching out to the community and not being isolated and creating strong community members.
Matt- engagement.
Marsh- not seeing other schools’ represented on campus.
Mains- we were voted one of the schools that has the most unhappy students.
Troy- we are good at giving back, we show the value we have for the community through volunteering time and energy.
Joe- core values of the institution?
Combs- commitment to a well rounded education, through mentorship and being pointed in the right directions.
Bernard- more holistic in nature, lots of variety.
Bandstra- there are very few things her that we don’t work on progression.
VP Steffens- working through many Montana communities, native American communities.
Haskell- opportunities beyond education.

2. Programs, things we do well today or want to do better in the future?
Krueger- the business program, energy and sustainability class. Keep that a focus. And with question one, retention is key.
Nash- there are certain programs or colleges that don’t receive has much attention. Some are left to fend for themselves. Just the school taking pride in all their programs. Art and photo programs.
Abeh- I would like to see depts. Working together. A lot of individuals interests overlap, and still pertain to the same thing. I have to take education as well under agriculture. Awareness and knowing what your peers are doing. We need to separate liberal studies and research studies when it comes to money but working together and promoting themselves.
Bandstra- I think advising needs improvement, it comes to what the university can do for the depts.
Combs- I think communication between depts. Is very important. There is a huge disconnect.
Floerchinger- our research mentors with us outside of class and being proactive.
Bernard- development and implementation of new programs, fitness programs for credit.
Joe- if there are new programs you want as well?

Duker- religious studies.

Lawson- strong areas but there are complementary programs that are a little weaker, and they need to be stronger for students and to work well with other programs. Complimentary disciplines still need to be structured well.

Krueger- living a healthy lifestyle, and food services, sustainability, studying is a problem and students can go to grad students for tutoring. Career fairs need improved, they only work for engineers. We need to work on the students’ futures. Bringing programs to the students. Study abroad program isn’t taken advantage of.

Bandstra- its also understaffed.

Mains-improving career services

Duker- student apathy- needs to be solved.

Bandstra- student success is doing a good job.

Bernard- parking, they also don’t have the funding to make changes.

3. if you were President Cruzado, and you had $1 million, and could spend it on anything. What would you do with it?

Steffens- residence halls

Bandstra- faculty, and advisors. More advisors.

Townshend- more focus on the academic side.

Duker- expanding research opportunities for other undergrad programs.

Haskell- food services

Abeh- classrooms

Bernard- some of the classrooms are disasters.

Krueger- more space for fitness center. Supporting clubs more.

Bethany- creating student jobs, keeping students on campus.

VP Steffens- art gallery

Steffens- performing arts center.

Karimian- 70 dollar gift certificates for every student.

Marsh- more space for students to hang out. A lot of students and not a lot of space. Food services being open later.
Krueger- sustainable coffee shop place for a cool feel.

Abeh- using it towards something that would pay for itself and give back and be progressive.

Bernard- Sub Pub.

Krueger- bouldering centers

Haskell- bike share program

McLaughlin- our wind farm

Joe- broad topics?

Krueger- more language programs

Combs- giving programs money who don’t have alumni who make lots of money and give donations.

Lake- what our university represents. We need to be good at everything. What’s important to us? We can’t cater equally.

Abeh- we need to remember we are a land grant program, rather than what we are focusing now as a liberal arts school. Its good to be progressive, but still not lose focus on what our school is for.

Haskell- increased communication across the campus, a calendar and website.

Joe- thank you for the input, and hopefully we will have documents and research to bring to you shortly. You can email me or Blake.

Matt Caires- Thank you.

**Admin Reports**

Pres. Bjornson- absent

VP Steffens- Dead week is coming next week. Sen. Abeh is heading street team task force. Its under way. More advocacy in the senate to promote the concert to get ticket numbers up.

Steffens- where do you get the passes?

John- you will get your passes the morning of the show.

VP Steffens- Stacey Ray did a great show of Upheaval. She had a band, food, etc and made $800. She was sick the whole time to .tell her good job.

John Stiles- if you give up your meet and great concert then you give up your ticket as well.
BM Jackson- absent

PS Lawson- This is our last meeting for the year. Next Thursday, we will be having our Holiday Jubilee at Pres. Bjornson’s house at 6:30pm. I will be taking pictures of all of you for the back wall.

Krueger- they were group shots not individuals.

PS Lawson- We will do a group photo.

VPS Haskell- The supplemental funds after what we just passed is $32,043.08. We need more finance board applications for those positions.

Combs- bike safety committee?

VPS Haskell- we will be meeting next Wednesday. We are looking into creating a new position. A coordinator for creating a bike safety awareness program and hopefully creating a bike share program.

Combs- a budget on that?

VPS Haskell- no not yet.

PS Lawson- we will also do an appointment to the business college program, its not an election, but its an appointment within the senate.

Floerchinger- how many people an apply for this?

VPS Haskell- they would still need a majority vote to get the position.

PS Lawson- yes and after a point if it is still not.

Kolar- there will be two business seats open I will be studying abroad.

McLaughlin- I will be studying abroad as well.

Colleen- we have hired a new operations manager in the office. Stacey will be leaving us on Friday, Brandy Hagens is the new Operations Managers. On Friday, Phyllis and I would be bringing treats, and we will pass around a card.

Marsh- what is the plan to market to college of business?

VPS Haskell- it would be the same process of finance board. It will go through their office.

Abeh- are we going to have the individuals be in the room during voting?

VPS Haskell- No.

Kolar- I can still serve the first two weeks of school in January.
Senate Reports

Lake- Please sign up for two time slots for the tabling. We will be passing it around.

Floerchinger- Sen. Bandstra and I met with sports fitness and advisory board yesterday, they are doing refinishing in the winter and summer. The fund are there for that. The Montana Tough Personal Training System with ROTC and its will be low ropes and walls and mud pits etc. its available for everyone. Work orders are in for the water bottle fill stations, four of them. EWB wanted to use the space in the gym for the yoga class, with their own instructor. They are worried about this being a problem in the future since we already have yoga classes offered.

Steffens- why do they want to do that?

Bandstra- its only for EWB students, and we want feedback for who the gym is used for etc.

Floerchinger- they are wondering about staying open for breaks.

Karimian- I could see that would be a problem.

Abeh- I think it is important for holidays to have it be closed because of employees, but it should be open over break.

Bernard- I think it should be open as much as possible and have heard many complaints about it.

VPS Haskell- I think it is necessary to close it down because that would be difficult. For EWB has that been a problem in the past?

Floerchinger- do we draw a line at sports clubs, or at events that are already offered at the fitness center.

Bandstra- there just isn’t that much space and not many rules and liability.

Floerchinger- liability is definitely a problem.

Duker- could be held other places?

Floerchinger- its currently held in the chapel

Rogala- weren’t student fees to pay for the construction of the gym?

Colleen- yes.

Rogala- keep that in mind.

Floerchinger- we would be competing with ourselves.

Rogala- its not a monopoly, its allowing students to participate in a reasonable way.

Floerchinger- sometimes there isn’t an official certification.
Combs- The day care took the old fish tank to make into something else. Also over break, I made a rough draft for the job description of the bike coordinator.

Krueger- physical activity class for credit has been passed to Jim, and we should have more info tomorrow. This is my last senate meeting, and the senate seat will be open for two weeks so you can start having applications next week.

Announcements

Marsh- we are having a Holiday Jubilee next Thursday instead of the regular meeting. At 6:30. Ugly Sweater Contest, and a white elephant gift exchange a ten dollar limit. It’s a potluck to be arranged. Program directors, staff, and Senators are invited.

Rogala- ROS funding board will meet with student activities soon, and we are working on bylaws.

VP Steffens- don’t worry about the tickets we will take care of it.

Bethany Cordell- we will be willing to buy you at ticket via PR.

Peck- Junior one acts next Thursday, Friday and Saturday. All student participate.

Duker- next week, the religious studies dept is hosting an event of the 400th birthday of the King James Version of the Bible. Next Tuesday in the Reynolds recital hall at 6:30pm with a birthday cake.

Karimian- move to adjourn

Seconded by Duker

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Meeting Adjourned at 8:05pm