ASMSU Senate Meeting Minutes for February 9, 2012

Meeting called to order at 6:04pm

Roll Call: Abeh (excused w/proxy), French (absent), Karimian (excused), Floerchinger (excused w/proxy)

Review Previous Meeting’s Minutes: Motion to approve the meeting minutes of February 2, 2012 by Senator Duker seconded. Vote: 20/0/0

Public Comment: No public comment

Presentations:

President Cruzado: Commenting on class growth in the spring of 2012. Homecoming events were extremely impressive this year. The alumni would like ASMSU to bring back and strengthen our fraternities and sororities. Last semester there was a concern about pedestrian safety and now we are prepared to enact a bicycle safety program. She is especially proud of the improvements on housing in Langford and Hapner dormitories.

There will be an additional housing development to be added over the next several years. Cooley lab is in its final stages of construction to be completed by the end of the year. We are looking forward to the beginning of construction on the new college of business building. She hopes that a prevention method for sexual assaults on campus will be addressed. She also addresses the fact that student loans have become an encompassing burden on students.

Motion to get pizza by Senator Steffens seconded. Vote: 20/0/0

Museum of the Rockies Presentation: Introduced by Blake they are trying to raise funds for the planetarium that has not been renovated since 1989. The museum is a huge part of student life and its presence is well known among students. ASMSU wants the museum to know the students support their efforts to renovate the museum. The efforts will help the planetarium to move into a digital because their data and technology is currently so out of date. This will allow for the museum to attract an increased number of visitors and ultimately be beneficial to the entire MSU community as a whole.

The board of trustees is advancing over a million dollars to allow this project to be sought through. There are several grants in place. The campus support is crucial to this cause. This project as a whole will total a bill of 1.5 million dollars. If this is passed ASMSU it will be noted as the first to contribute.

Budget Presentations:

Public Relations (Bethany Cordell): This is to absorb the street team into PR’s budget. The student stipends are the exact same with the addition of the street team faculty. Overall the budget for on campus printing was reduced and off campus printing increased. Advertising has made an increase by 1,000 dollars. Office supplies has been decreased. All others remain constant. Overall change is an
increase of $1400. Moving to have street team’s budget under the public relations department in order to ensure a proper chain of command.

**Productions (Ryan Lalum):** There has only been one change in outside revenue. This was the only place where money was made and therefore has been the only increase. Ryan believes that he may have over projected on last year’s budget and in order to not throw the future productions manager under the bus he would like to keep the budget the same. Upcoming events are blue and gold ball, tunnel of oppression, and Reno 911.

**Arts and Exhibits (Stacy Ray):** Photo show in the gallery is coming up next Friday, Bray days event is due to start February 20\(^{th}\) –spring break. For the budget there is not a ton of changes. Focused on stability and growth for following finance director. There will be an overall $1,100 increase. The student stipend is increased by $400. There will be a $2,500 dollar increase to one student overall salary which includes the directors increase. There will be an increase for printing expenses of $800. The insurance account will be removed due to the fact that the organization is covered by MSU’s insurance plan.

**State Legislative (Bryan Vadheim):** The expenses are fluctuating heavily and overall there is a $10,000 increase. There are increases mostly due to the two new positions one the student lobbyist and the second being state legislation director. One of the biggest causes of the increase is due to the fact that this is an election year and there has been added expenses for the student lobbyist in particular. There are additional expenses for student travel for the student lobbyist as well as other students in order to have them testify to legislators in Helena.

**Unfinished Business:** No Unfinished Business

**New Business:**

**2012-R-03: Exponent Fee Reallocation-** This presentation is to address several conflicts of interest within the newspaper. This is to mainly address the relationship between ASMSU and the exponent on coverage of certain issues. This is to allow for changes within the exponent and to allow for a system of checks and balances within the student publication newspaper. This requires separation of fees for the exponent from ASMSU. This process would go through the media board rather than ASMSU. The amount for the fee will be presented to the senate at next week’s senate meeting.

The fee will allow for growth within the exponent that will allow for an outreach to students on campus. The overall change is a reallocation of fees not an increase of fees. Motion to approve by Senator Rogala seconded. Discussion Senator Townsend notes that he does agree with President Bjornson however he believes that this is not the proper timing. Lawson questions whether are not this could be overturned in the future if this was passed through the senate now. Motion to leave discussion by Mains seconded. Vote: 7/9/0 Haskell, Scafide, Thuringer, Townsend, Lawson, Steffens, Floerchinger’s proxy, Lake, and Mckay.

Townshend moves to change the resolution seconded.
Amendment to 2012-R-03 lines 1-7 on p.2 is as follows: Let it be further resolved that: This resolution shall not take affect until the existing ASMSU Senate task force working to update the ASMSU bylaws works with the Exponent Editor-in-chief to revise and pass a bill in the appropriate section to reflect the changes resulting from this resolution.

Let it be further resolved that: This resolution shall not take affect until a functioning Publication board be observed.

2 minute recess motioned by Scafide seconded.

Murakami moves to postpone the amendment until next week seconded.

Motion to move to a committee of the whole by Senator Duker seconded. Vote: 17/1/0 Senate Vice President Haskell against.

Motion to vote on the amendment by Thuringer seconded. Vote: 14/2/2 Bernard and Duker against.

Motion to dissolve into a committee of the whole by Rogala seconded. Vote: 18/0/0

Motion to approve an official meeting by Senator Duker seconded.

Senators voted and approved to not put the exponent fee on the ballot for the spring.

Motion to approve amended resolution by Duker seconded.

Move to postpone resolution discussion until next meeting by Haskell seconded. Townsend notes when the last board of regents meeting that we can still have this passed. Bernard wants to take a week to take time and vote next week. Steffens wants to know if there will be discussion next week. Points to Haskell to note when the media board is established. Scafide agrees with Steffens. Lake recommends tabling this issue. Vote: 15/0/3

Motion by Townshend to move this discussion until next week Vote: 6/12/0 motion denied.

Motion to skip discussion Vote: 18/0/0

Motion to pass or not pass resolution: 12/5/1 Motion passed.

2012-R-04: Human Power Transportation Coordinator- Haskell backs this new program and hopes to have a student or faculty member to implement this program on campus. This would be for the spring semester. This will be overseen by sustainability. The goals for this program are as follows: To come up with pamphlets for the spring, come up with a funny video in order to implement a bike share program in the near future.

The finance board gave this project an overall approval. The pilot program position would be supervised by Gretchen directly. Rogala makes a friendly amendment to the proposal. “Whereas this position will be housed in and supervised by the sustainability center.” Haskell responds by stating that this concern has been addressed by the President’s office. Lake notes that the freshmen orientation
material is crucial to get moving now, we should establish this as a norm now. Townshend states that he
doesn’t feel comfortable hiring someone who doesn’t have a job description.

Rogala notes that we are discussing the resolution not the exact job description. Thuringer notes
that a lot of students use their bikes as a form of transportation to campus and would hate to see bikes
be taken off campus all together. Move to approve by senate vice president Haskell seconded. Motion
to approve this resolution by Senator 14/2/0 Scafide and Abeh’s proxy against.

Supplemental:

(1) Human Powered Transportation Coordinator, $1,200: Haskell notes that there was an amendment
to the budgeted proposal Motion to approve the amendment by Senator Lake. 14/3/0 Townshend,
Scafide, and Abeh’s proxy are against.

(2) Student Lobbyist 2012 Stipend, $3,000: This supplemental is in regard to the student lobbyist
stipend over the summer for the duration of 3 months. The relationship work and preparing before the
legislation is in session. This is an opportunity for the lobbyist to get ahead before certain matters go to
legislation.

Lake would like to hold this supplemental accountable by having a report back to the senate
when the summer comes to a close. The student lobbyist would like to note that secondary education
has not been a priority to legislators in the past. Haskell wants to know the stipend for the school year
would be a tear one position. Marsh moves to previous question. Motion to move to a vote: by Marsh
17/0/1

Motion to approve student lobbyist stipend by Marsh 16/0/1 approved.

Recognition of Senator Bandstra’s proxy by Senator Duker seconded.

(3) Museum of the Rockies, $1,000: Marsh moves to approve discussion seconded. Townshend wants to
know the reason for the $5,000. Moved to previous question by Marsh seconded. Vote: 17/0/0

Motion to approve the Museum of the Rockies for the amount of $1,000 Vote: 17/0/0

Motion to have the stipend committee implemented now by Haskell not seconded.

Move to previous question by Duker seconded.

Admin. Reports:

President (Blake Bjornson): Addressing the idea of Google documents. We are going to utilize Google
docs for budgeting changes this year. He will put a list up and asks senators to sign their email. He is
going to the philosophy meetings about the role of student government. Senator Scafide cannot make
the time the CFAC has set up can anyone fill in for her?

EFAC: Equipment fee allocation committee this will be a two-hour meeting can anybody attend?
All invited to the planning sessions for the new college of business on Wednesday February 27th, 2012. A
Power shift committee to be held in Missoula for the weekend following this weekend. Budgeting meetings have been extremely busy and the proposals are going to be taking place next week Wed 15\textsuperscript{th} and Thurs 16\textsuperscript{th}. University council and the athletes are subject to a specific code of conduct.

**Vice President (Joey Steffens):** The geo event next week. Budgets have been plugging away. Debate Monday February 13\textsuperscript{th} at noon please come and primary voting will be Tuesday the February 14\textsuperscript{th}. Final election will be on February 21\textsuperscript{st}.

**Business Manager (Lauren Jackson and Brandy Higgins):** Talking in regards to a comprehensive budget format. This will be uploaded to Google docs. Offering room for buffers on some of the budgets in order to properly prepare for the upcoming year. The reserves require up to 40\% of the budget. Retirement account will be added to by $35,000. Activity fee has changed by 1.6 \% over the past two years. As she gets the budgets in she will enter them into Google docs.

**Senate President (Jenny Lawson):** Agenda’s are getting heavier, so Jenny is going to send out fake agenda’s so senators can properly prepare. The Vagina Monologues is coming up and you can see Lawson for tickets. Finance board deadlines and agenda deadlines are the Friday before. The SUB Pub has not established a meeting time yet. Bernard, Steffens, Lawson, Mains, and Haskell are on the committee.

**Senate Vice President (Dillon Haskell):** Compliments to the Senators for doing a great job! Stipend review committee still needs volunteers.

**Senate Reports:** Rogala: HR-1581 this is a resolution that is hoping to get some public comment in order to write a resolution. This bill is trying to take road less areas out of Montana. RSO funding board to get a supplemental to fund 50 clubs for students. Tell your friends to go to the primaries. McKay: Leadership institute meeting and things are going good please go to the next meeting. Scafide: open house on Valentines Day you should all attend. Townshend: When is street team meeting? Bernard: Has a problem meeting with Fallon.

**Announcements:** Combs, won most wearable at the condom fashion.

**Adjourn Meeting:** Lake moves to adjourn.

**Meeting adjourned at 10:20pm**