ASMSU Senate Minutes- February 23rd, 2012

Call Meeting to order at 6:00 pm

Roll Call: Mains (proxy), Steffens (absent), and Townshend (excused)

Review Previous Minutes from February 16th, 2012. Moved to approve by Murakami seconded.

Public Comment: No public comment.

Administrative Reports:

Vice President-Joey Steffens: ASMSU sustainability director. Tomorrow night Reno 911 and a shark tank showing Floerchinger, wants to talk to director about checking student id’s and he wants to make sure students have priority. Budget council is wrapping up and those results will be out at the end of next week.

Senate President-Jenny Lawson: Board of regents 1st and 2nd of March. The following Saturday there will be a sexual assault summit funding will be available. This is a great opportunity for new or younger senators. Sexual Assault summit will just be a mass car pool so let Jenny know if you are interested. The minutes will include everything available for public comment.

Senate Vice President-Dillon Haskell: Working on revisions to the bylaws to figure out what they need to entail and where changes can be made. Bike Safety Awareness committee has had two meetings and the campus is really excited about the new implementing of the pilot program. The supplemental has been tabled by finance board due to the fact that student activities is not apart of ASMSU and so the committee wants to make sure where the money is going.

Rogala notes that ASMSU has made the commitment to be more cooperating with other groups on campus and she is curious about that boundary. Henry Lawson offers assistance to Haskell and notes that finance board was not unsupportive of the idea they just want to make sure that the money is going to the right place and that ASMSU can account for the money’s whereabouts. Haskell expresses that finance board is just concerned with this becoming a repeated thing. Floerchinger notes that all of our supplemental should go through the senate anyway. Should the finance board be combined with another group?

Rogala notes that the finance board notes that they want to know the actual number of the fee and if the fee is raised or will still apply then finance board would suggest that the fee be raised. Campus entertainment was taken under ASMSU authority and then separated student activities. Haskell notes that it is hard to give money to just anyone. Rogala wants it noted that the responsibility is not on finance board to set policy that is ASMSU’s responsibility. The finance board notes that responsibilities are to be an advisory board they just want to make sure they know
where the money is going. ASMSU can bring a proposal for what the connection between ASMSU, campus entertainment, and student activities.

Senate Reports: Bernard- Physical activity courses for credit are moving right along. They are currently in the waiting stage and there are 28 proposals left remaining. Bandstra- University studies would like it known that there are pre-recs for chem. And math and if you do not have them then you will not be able to take the courses. French wonders if that will be able to be bypassed for students who do demonstrate that they are prepared for the course?

Senator Combs was talking to the dean of nursing and the nursing department has just been informed that there is a senator for the college of nursing. Rogala yields to the dean of the College of Letters and Sciences, the day of student recognition is the biggest thing that they are working on. There will be a publicity announcement and there will be around 31 awards given out. The fund for student organization is in the process of being enlarged and there is currently a study being conducted on the comparison between our funds and other universities. Rogala wants to know the history of the budgets for previous student clubs and organizations? Is this enough?

Abeh has been discussing changing the add/drop date. This would be because there are a lot of students that are unsure if they will be passing their current courses before having to register for their new courses. This would make the drop date closer to registration. This would mean that students dropping with a “W.” Thuringer notes that for some students they will not know their grades until that date and wonders if the registration date will be moved. Scafide likes where the date is at right now. This is currently always the last day of registration.

Senate Announcements: Duker- French and Combs will be starting a knitting club on Thursdays at 6. McKay- went to college of business yesterday and she wants everyone to please come. There are seven different site options and 2 of them currently cover current parking lots so please let her know what you think. Everyone has expressed opinions at the meetings and she wants the senate to come to the meeting. Karimian- invites senators to come to California for spring break.

Meeting Adjourned: Marsh motioned to adjourn seconded at 6:43 pm.

Discuss Initiatives (20 min)