Meeting called to order at 6:01pm

Roll Call:

Review Previous Meeting’s Minutes:

Steffens- Move to approve Dec. 1st minutes.
Seconded
15/0/0

Steffens- Move to approve January 19th minutes.
Seconded
15/0/0

Public Comment:

Presentations:

Budget Presentations

Carmen McSpadden- Leadership Institute

Located in SUB 187 (Presentation on Fall 2011 events and Future events for Spring 2012)

Four major areas of changes. If we want to do this level of programs, then we need your help to keep that status. It is ultimately your decision, these are just recommendations. There is a $2000 increase in labor. We had to take some time off this fall to catch up on the hours, which hurt us a bit. I am currently your only part time classified staff; I, as director, need more help. I recommend you could hire an admin assistant, or a temporary hourly person at about 10-15 hours a week. Educational Expenses to increase by $3500. Speakers increases as well, a keynote speaker could be anywhere from $25,000-150,000. We find if we reach for Maya Angelou and Tom Brokaw, then we get a lot of supporters and the students’ money is stretched more. We need some money in the bank to leverage it, we don’t go forward without knowing we have that money in the bank. It would increase by $6000. I don’t know what happened, but we had an increased budget for the Cat Tracker, but it was impossible for us to meet it because we barely sold out what we had previously. This changed our budget by $6000 loss in revenue. We have proposed a budget that meets a higher level of programming and helping the capacity issue.

Pres. Bjornson- The educational expenses, is the $2200 what you have run it at before?

Carmen- that is for the food at the Leadership Summit, which is every other year when we bring in the National Advisory Board.
Pres. Bjornson- where did it come from two years ago?

Carmen- it came out of the bottom line, and pulled from other places.

Pres. Bjornson- the part time help you were asking for? What could they do that a student couldn’t do?

Carmen- ASMSU is part of the Foundation, we hold an opportunity to create an endowment. We have raised almost $50,000 for that. It takes touch points and connections with our donors, and planning. I don’t have time to do everything we can do because there is so much to do. There is great turnover because students graduate, and this hire could be more permanent. Right now we aren’t as effective as we can be.

Abeh- are the donors specific to speakers?

Carmen- They are specific to the donors and also just to the leadership institute in general. People feel compelled to donate to us on their own as well when they see what is happening.

Paul- we want to be an organization that inspires students to become leaders to make a positive change.

Mary Bolick- Day Care

The salary increases for the teachers is locked in to the university payrole. There are four full time teachers and myself. The teacher aides in our programs are all MSU students and we currently employee 21. We also have Shane who works with us who is a temp. hourly 12-13 hours a week. The administration continues to donate the maintenance, rent and utilities. We are with the US Dept of Agriculture program for childcare, and we get reimbursed for the food. (Presents information on food programs, and accreditation Naction Academy of Early Childhood Programs)

Floerchinger- you increased the labor by 23,000? I don’t think the numbers are adding up, I think there is a raise bigger than that.

Mary- Yes for the director salary, teacher salaries, and student employment and work study. I’m not sure honestly,

Floerchinger- that’s up 35,000 from last year or an error of 18,000?

PS Lawson- I will ask Brandy about that and email out the answer to you all.

Mary- we are all advocates for children, all students and employees who use this program are impressed and find this program to be very educational. Our budget has been approved by the board of directors. The students who use this much of the time cannot afford childcare otherwise for their families.

Abeh- I would like to recognized VPS Haskell

Seconded by Sen. Bernard
Mike Cavaness- Outdoor Recreation

We do group trips, workshop area, rentals, programs etc. The description in the budget is well detailed so I will keep this short. We are open 9-5 seven days a week. The increase in the budget is for labor and student staff to keep the high satisfaction rates. We increased advertising itself this year which has increase participation, and we put ads in Outside Bozeman and the MSU Pocket Guide, and we are involved in residence halls and Champ Change.

Steffens- can you send a list serv to every student on campus?

Mike- I’m sure we could but I don’t want to add to junk mail, we do much advertising other than that.

Pres. Bjornson- can you explain the increase in the bike and ski services?

Mike- the budget is an estimate, and so far we are underbudgetted this year in that.

Rogala- do you find most of your participants freshman or upperclassmen?

Mike- we haven’t tracked it, but we get a lot of freshman and foreign students.

Haskell- do you think it is used as much as it could be or could use be increased?

Mike- there is always room for more, but we are happy with the increase.

Floerchinger- how do you like the new bus?

Mike- we were ordered to get rid of our vans, and we need decided to get a used minibus. The Capital Request is increased for the reason of an on going maintainence programs.

Steve Erickson- Recreation Sports and Fitness

We are seeing more volume and more volume in every program we run. We are the program side over at the Fitness Center. All students pay the O&M fee for building maintainence and custodial work. We are a dollar committee. (Presents budget and programs) Fitness Activity classes could also be huge when we get it going and hope to role in the outdoor rec. group trips. These classes could include so many more students at the gym who don’t regularly go.

Steffens- could you explain more about the ski tickets?

Steven- we will just be taking this over and we just need to negotiate with the businesses. Saving about $8-9 per ski pass.
Andrew- this is hand out we gave you is about our programs which was logged from registering online for the intermurals.

Steffens- unique participation?

Andrew- I’m not exactly sure.

Bandstra- are you going to keep the online sign ups or what will you change?

Andrew- we are going to make improvements, and working out kinks. It’s a big change from paper to electronic.

Mains- is there anything you will do to make the programs more strict about paying for the programs?

Steve- there is now a hand scan for classes or bringing your card to sign in.

**Unfinished Business:**

College of Arts and Architecture Senate Appointment

- Do you have any previous leadership experience and if so what was it? (Combs)
- What ASMSU initiative are you most interested in? (Floerchinger)
- Why do you want to be ASMSU senator and what would your goals be? (Lake)
- What is your experience with budgeting and are you comfortable allocating student funds? (Rogala)
- How will you make time for this position if elected? (Bandstra)

College of Arts and Architecture Seat- Cara Thurringer

I am a freshman here at MSU, but have sophomore standing I am quad B president. And I really value our student government.

- Outdoor Rec, I love being outside and the fitness center support from you has been great and the procrastinator. And all the help with clubs.
- I want to support students and I can be a good leader and help others with their goals. I want to help my college and all students
- I was a cross country manager in high school.
- my only budgeting experience is my own budget.
- I have already planned how I would make extra time and my Thursday nights are already free, and my time in the office would be well used.

I am passionate about student leadership and being involved

Steffens- we must not free talk outside the schedule it is very time consuming for all of us.

Karimian- she seemed very honest and seems to be able to handle it.

Rogala- she is in one of the clubs I am in, and she came forward and was asking me questions about time commitment and her interest is very high.

Mains- she came last week to the meeting and stayed the whole time.

Abeh- she was able to list several things we have ties with and she has a good grasp of what we do here. What concerns me is that she doesn’t have much experience in a leadership role and budgeting, but I don’t think she would be unable.

Bernard- she seems very willing to learn and I think that’s great.

Combs- move to approve

Rogala- move to suspend the rules for this and have an open vote

Seconded by lake

16/0/0 (for rule suspension for this vote only)

16/0/0 (approval of candidate)

College of Business Appointments

Henry Lawson

I am an exchange from New Zealand for two semesters. I am very involved for the Canterbury University, with the Media Manager. And enrich my experience here.

-I don’t have much information yet because I have been here for three weeks, I think the legal representation is great.

-I want to be involved in the student community and I want to achieve the cultural aspects, and help what you are doing and support clubs and support students.

- I was a bar manager at many events, and in high school I was in YMCA and volunteer on weekends at home for surfing, and swimming for lifeguard schools, and I have a degree in outdoor rec.
I belong to a specific club and I was club captain, and we do a lot of budgeting and a sub committee member looking into a joint facility and allocating funds into that.

- all I do is class and swimming, and I have a lot of spare time.

I’m good at communicating and I like to have a good time.

Justin Crawford

I am from Kalispell and I am a business management student and marketing as well. I’d like to help the college of business thoughts and voices out and be heard. I am looking forward to being a bigger leader on campus; I already have another leadership role on campus and get to know students and their values. I want to do that effectively as well.

-Sustainability is a big deal and I want to get on board with that.

-I want to be a better leader for myself and to help others around me.

- I have had a couple jobs that have helped me gain leadership experience. I worked for Harley Davidson in Kalispell, I learned how to do sales, accounting and working on the bikes. They helped me learn how business works, they offered to send me to their management school but I wanted to come here. I am vice president of Sigma Nu here, and without communication you don’t really get anywhere.

-I am a stickler about budgeting, this organization I’m in has had budgeting problems which I am fixing and helping understand where the problems came from, we worked out a plan for a future and are on track.

-I have a flexible schedule I am only taking 13 credits, and the homework is flexible. I have a study time schedule, so I can fit in the duties.

I am looking for another leadership opportunity to help students and the senate succeed, I think my past and present experience will help senate succeed in the future.

Dereck Nickelson

I am treasurer of sigma chi, I am part of the finance board. I want to represent all the professional business students. I think this would be invaluable for my experience in the future.

-I am not familiar with the initiatives.

-I want to bring better business practices here, I have been on finance board for one day, and I want to change that. I want those accounts that are sitting to gain some interest, because they are still losing money due to inflation.
- I am treasurer of sigma chi and we run meetings very similar to this. And pretty involved in finance board.

- as I said I am treasurer, with about a $100,000 budget and feel comfortable with that.

- I already blocked off my time for the meetings Thursday.

Thank you for your time, and hope you let me have this opportunity to serve the student body.

Degan Afdol

I am a freshman at MSU. I am a part of Sig Ep fraternity.

-I am interested in sustainability and recycling; when I first visited I didn’t notice much about that until I came here this fall. I was surprised how new the program is and I want to help it out.

-I want to be ASMSU senator and make a difference this being the best way possible because this is the core of campus and I see ASMSU signs everywhere. I want to be way more involved and get to know more people and be recognizable and be a good representation of the university.

-In high school I was president of NHS and captain of the basketball team and head lifeguard at the pool in my home town. Those gave me a lot of experience in leadership and communication and being a good speaker.

-I don’t have much experience, and I am an accounting major and that’s what I want to do so I am very interested. I feel comfortable with basic book keeping.

-This will be one of my priority positions because it is important to this campus, and redistribute my free time around this.

I want to thank you guys and I really enjoyed this meeting and want to be a part of ASMSU.

Erica McKay

I am in the honors program for business management and want to pursue a degree in psychology as well. I was the captain of the state championship dance team; I was a student leader at my school.

-I love the outdoor rec. program as a great way to get freshman involved.

-I enjoyed student government in high school, and it was a very rewarding experience for me and the students. I want to open a peer mentorship program in the college of business.

-I was senior class president, secretary and vice president. We reshaped a new program for it and senior co-captain for the dance team and what it means to be a leader and taking input from your followers.
-I worked really closely with the high school administration staff, and handled our budget for the dance team. I am considering taking up finance as well. It affects every student.

-I did a lot in high school, 18 school clubs and time management is very important to me.

I appreciate this opportunity and I think I have the potential to really grow. I heard the senate is a huge part of msu and have someone grow with the program through 4 years.

Murakami- looking at her application, and she was VP of finance for her club as well.

Bernard- interesting about the last candidate, she is very driven, and she came with an initiative. She has four years still and much to offer.

Floerchinger- she was well spoken and excited

Lake- I don’t know how much Henry can represent the students as a new student. But would be a good representative.

Abeh- I think that one of the main attributes, is he is from a different area and would have different ideas from his campus.

Duker- I met derrick last week, and though he had a weak answer for the initiative question. His willingness to step up for finance board. He was dressed like a senator and prepared. He exuded professionalism.

Townshend- I agree with Sen. Lake. I don’t know if it is an issue that he would only be here for two semesters (Henry Lawson)

Mains- in Greek leadership class, Justin is a great leader. I think he has great ideas and leadership skills.

VPS Haskell- how long were you here in school before you were elected? Sen. Karimian?

Karimian- a few months a month

Haskell- I think then the short time being here is not a problem.

Rogala- if they want to serve again next semester, then they have to run, but they are just serving out this term. I think an international student would be a great representation.

Mains- Karimian and I are freshman and were new when we were elected so I think they are all good candidates.

Bernard- Nickelson has a good finance background.
Haskell- I am abstaining from this vote because Dereck is in my fraternity. I think he would be a great choice and I didn’t even know those ideas he brought up today with the ideas for finance board. I was very impressed.

Lawson-9
Crawford-1
Nickelson-6
Afdol-3
McKay-10
College of Education-
Sean Snyder
I am early childhood education major. I want to get involved on campus.
-I’d like to get involved with ASMSU to learn the initiatives.
-I want to be a part of the school and help any way I can and represent the college and students as a whole.
-I was really involved with student government in high school and had hands on experience.
- as student body treasurer I was in charge of the budget for the year.
-I have a lot of free time to dedicate to this as I just moved here.
I would work really hard for this and work for MSU and Montana as a whole if necessary.

Simone Scafide
I am a junior and I will be graduating early, and this is on my list of things to do and be involved. I am studying in technology education and working with special needs and technology.
-I like the day care and the MSU leadership institute and Public relations.
- I want to be more involved on campus and be more knowledgeable about what’s going on and make as big of an impact as I can.
-I held a lot of offices in high school. I was a state officer in a technology association. I have been the president of the chess club. And started a term of the planning committee on campus.
- for chess club, I was responsible for the budget with no help, and I know the basics and how it works for applying for budgets at MSU and I want to learn more.

- I just quit two jobs in applying for this position.

I would be really excited to work with you and learn more. Thank you.

VPS Haskell- I had T&C with Simone last year. And I think she is a really great leader and I think she would succeed. She is very passionate.

Karimian- Simone had a lot more confidence than Sean.

Mains – I think him not being from Montana would be great.

Abeh- both candidates seem very eager. I don’t think confidence is always something we need. I think he would still be a valuable asset.

Lake- both are great choices, with Simone I had the impression that she wants to just cross this off her list and it seemed very odd.

Combs- she seems very involved, and I’m concerned that she quit her two jobs.

Marsh- her and I are on the council together, she can definitely prioritize, and I feel she is most qualified and excited.

Scafide-10

Snyder-4

Senate Appointments swearing in by Pres. Bjornson
(Cara Thurringer, Henry Lawson, Erica McKay, Simone Scafide)

VPS Haskell- Move to a five minute recess.

Seconded by Bernard

Fail

New Hire- Dani Clark, Student Lobbyist

Bjornson-A committee ultimately approved her with high recommendations. She should do great and is excited about the position.

Haskell- move to approve
Seconded by Sen. Steffens

16/0/3

Townshend- I would like to say my resignation for finance board.

Lake- I would like to say my resignation for finance board.

VPS Haskell- finance board is on Wednesdays at 6pm, and so what I need then is two new members from senate on finance board. Currently just Sen. French represents.

Pres. Bjornson- I want to stress the importance of this committee and I want them to really understand the budgets. The committee needs to bring feedback to the group.

Townshend- I would like to nominate Sen. McKay (Accepted)

Mains- nominate Sen. Bernard (declined)

Steffens- nominate Sen. Lawson

Marsh- how many positions are we trying to fill?

VPS Haskell- we need to fill two spots.

Townshend- I move to suspend the rule and go straight to voting

Seconded by Duker

19/0/0 (to move to vote)

Appointing Sen. McKay 17/0/2

Appointing Sen. Lawson 17/0/2

Admin Reports:

Pres. Bjornson- ASMSU Recycling was in the news last night. The college of business building is having a planning session(s) Feb. 1st and 2nd Reid Hall 103 from 4:30-5:30 and Reid 415 11:30-1:00. As a reminder from noon to 6pm is a Charente on Feb. 8th. Open ASMSU is a new group from Pres. Cruzado looking at changes at MSU mainly administration. Investment proposals, Joey and I went to budget councils. We each have our assignments. In mid-Feb. we will know what is going to be approved. Presidential Elections. You have until Monday at 5pm to apply and you need to talk to me and Joey and get our signatures of approval. Emily Flemminch, the SOH office will be hosting events on financial literacy the first is about ID theft. A registration and classroom scheduling task force. Demand for classroom use is increasing as the university grows, and they will be talking about ways to solve our problems with that.

VP Steffens- Welcome new senators! I am Joey and I am in 220 and I would love to meet you. Tomorrow is MSU Friday. We have a lot of new people on campus. New senators you are required to have two
office hours a week to work on ASMSU stuff. I had the first student program directors meeting. Gaines is reserved for Reno 911. Saturday is a homeless connect project. It’s a dental clinic about 100 people projected to be there and get free dental work.

PS Lawson- it was probably one of the most meaningful volunteer things I’ve ever done.

Marsh- when?

VP Steffens- it is Saturday I will get the times.

PS Lawson- Please stay after the meeting and we will figure out an orientation time. Matt Caires is having a meeting with all of you at 4 on Wednesday about student activities. We have many applications for the secretary positions and will be ready next Friday. Please get your official office hours finalized soon. I have had a few student approach me for an arts minor so think about that. If you have any questions about budgeting talk to brandy or Lauren.

VPS Haskell- Sorry I was late, I had an AskUs meeting. We have been interviewing for secretary. Welcome to finance board new senators. Please come talk to me about parliamentary procedure and whatever about ASMSU. We will get an updated People in the Know list.

Senate Reports:

Townshend- the senate operations subcommittee has a meeting at 3-4 starting this next week on bylaw revisions and general senate operations. New senators please come.

Steffens- I met with the elections committee and the presidential debate on the 21st and voting is the 22nd and 23rd of Feb. if there are more than 4 sets of candidates on Monday then we will have primaries.

VP Steffens- there will also be a primary debate if necessary.

Floerchinger- Karimian and I went to the streamline board meeting and they got a grant for two new buses, and they are the wrong colors and designs. A lot of people aren’t happy. They are trying to figure out what to do with it; they are brand new, but bad.

Rogala- PTAC meeting this week, and they are stuck because they were not granted a fee increase. They are trying to figure out how to keep with the long-term business plan. I’m sure everyone has something to say about it. Spread the word about the parking and make sure they know it is a nonprofit organization and they do not make anymore nor can they receive any money.

Abeh- Earlier this week, we had a meeting about street team and what direction that is going. There is one sentence written about the duties. We want to consolidate that position with the PR dept so it makes more sense. He didn’t know he had a budget.
Marsh- the budget he has now is for his stipend and staples.

Abeh- his funds are just above 2,000 and we want to consolidate. Anyone who is interested please let Lauren know.

Karimian- I had another meeting with streamline today as well please let me know if you have any suggestions.

Bernard- CLS senators please update your info so that posters can go out for the college.

Marsh- I met with PR about PR and awareness. We talked about Facebook pages, and consolidating the pages and connecting them. We are working on more ideas. We had a great idea about t-shirts. Please come talk to me

Bandstra- room 175 in the Rec. center. It is a multi purpose room now.

VPS Haskell- we should probably work on that.

Townshend- State leg. Is having a lot of meetings and is very active. With the new hire. We are setting the standard for the MAS lobbyist actions. We have debates coming up as well.

**Announcements:**

Combs- Friday the 3rd is the Condom Fashion Show, please come.

Duker- please come to the international organization for leaders meeting. And to help international students feel more welcome here.

Mains- there is a bridal show next weekend. A lot of students are in that.

Duker- we are wearing our nametags tomorrow

Duker- move to adjourn

Seconded

19/0/0

**Meeting adjourned at 9:47pm**