ASMSU Senate Meeting Minutes March 29th, 2012:

Call Meeting to Order at 6:03 pm

Roll Call: French and Haskell both Excused.

Review Previous Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes of March 22, 2012 by Duker seconded. Informal vote meeting minutes are approved.

Public Comment

Eric from the Exponent: There was an incident at the exponent office where alcohol was involved and he would like to extend a sincere apology.

Steffens states that if you are moving to be on your own then you guys need to be more responsible.

Duker notes that he appreciates the apology and recognizes that everyone makes mistakes. Eric is available for further questions.

Katie Chambers: here on behalf of the leadership institute to pass around thank you notes.

Presentations

-Chantell Bury, Films: The new director of films. She is trying to bring change to the program and give it a revamping. She made a couple changes to the budget. One of the areas that she made changes to the number of non work-study employees. She wants to bring in at least two Sundance films.

Duker notes that she is doing a fantastic job! Bernard wants her to highlight the advertising budgets. There will a $700 addition to that budget. Floerchinger notes that Sundance was denied last year due to expenses.

Lawson notes that finance board looked over this budget and approved it. She really wants to bring in Sundance to the Procrastinator.

Bernard wants to know if this would help her in adjusting to her new job title.

-Michael Townshend, UFPB Renovations: There needs to be carpet put into the building and the chairs need to be renovated. The are resolutions for EPS 103 and Leon Johnson 339. They are in the process of figuring out how these projects are going to funded. There has been a draft put together by Victoria and includes the details of this renovation.

Lake wants to know how you decide which projects take precedent. Steffens wonders if all classroom maintenance decisions come out of UFPB. The classroom renovations come out of a completely separate fund. Duker notes that the chairs in EPS the vertical attachments are falling out.
Floerchinger doesn’t feel like we should do this now. Bernard notes that we are spending student funds to renovate student classrooms. EPS and Leon would both make room for three additional students.

Steffens doesn’t really think that this should take priority over other issues. Blake notes that this is a process and these type of concerns need to be addressed at the designated meetings. Floerchinger wants to know if this is the top priority? Duker has a direct response and states that yes it is.

**New Business**

**07-R-2012:** Support of the Use of Academic R&R Funds for Leon Johnson, Room 339
Motion to approve by Duker seconded. Lake wants to know if this resolution is for the entire renovation or just for a portion.

Floerchinger notes that he doesn’t want to change it he thinks it is still pretty cool. The chairs are about 8 years old in Leon. They no longer want to do the vertical attachment. Bernard moves to previous question. Vote: 14/1/0 motion carries. Motion to approve resolution as amended. Vote: 13/2/0

**Amendment:** Whereas, Academic R&R raised from student fees may be used towards debt service or towards appropriate building projects with an academic focus.

**08-R-2012:** Support of the use of Academic R&R Funds for EPS, Room 103
Motion to approve by Lawson seconded. Motion to approve resolution Vote:11/4/0 motion carries.

Lake moves to recognize senator Karimian.

**Supplemental Request:**

1. Arts and Exhibits Architectural Audit $500: Motion to approve by Lawson seconded. Stacy came to finance board and presented to them and finance board approved. Townshend notes that this is a tough subject to approach. The architect already did the quotes. Steffens moves to previous question. Vote: 15/0/0 motion carries. Motion to approve supplemental Vote: 16/0/0 motion carries.

2. Montana Center for International Visitors $500: Lake moves to approve seconded. Duker notes that this program has a lot of interactions with faculty and is a part of several of there programs.

This is a sponsorship of the community programs. They hope to have sponsorship from ASMSU. This supplemental was voted down by finance board.
Floerchinger wants to know where this will be held. Townshend wants to know whom this is going to sponsor? This is to recognize the involvement of the community and their relationship with outside sources. Lawson wonders if these outside sources have direct involvement with students. The purpose of this is to collaborate resources. This is an expansion of growth to the international community.

Floerchinger wonders if they are associated with MSU. Lawson wants to know who this will actually impact? Lawson notes that this seems a little bit shady. Duker wants it noted that this is a charitable contribution. Vote: 4/10/1 Motion fails.

**Finance Policy Discussion:** The main goal was to clean up some confusion. This is by no means completely done but it is on its way. Defining what actually constitutes as an ASMSU fee.

The reserve fund holds several funds currently that may not be in the appropriate category. The operating fund is to be distributed to the supplemental fund. Supplemental fund needs to be decided by Senate.

Lake moves to move into a committee of the whole seconded. **Vote: 12/0/1**

The main reason for this is for the rest of budgeting. Supplemental requested groups: ASMSU programs, unaffiliated sponsorships, and clubs. ASMSU programs: budget deficits-no; unforeseen expenses-yes (banners for the elections) Steffens wonders what the objections were to unforeseen expenses? Lake gives a direct response that she feels it is too vague.

Lawson notes that there is a difference between unforeseen expenses and budget deficit. Townshend wants to know where to put the expense once it is approved.

Bernard likes the wording of unforeseen expenses he likes leaving this vague. Duker agrees with this!

Unaffiliated Sponsorships: what kind of involvement do they need from ASMSU? Duker believes that the second option of a program approval before an outside party is allowed to come to senate.

This includes anything from Day Care to Recreation Fitness. Rogala thinks that the first step of having a programs approval is a good thing. Karimian agrees with Rogala.

Scafide notes that this may cause some supplemental to be shot down however it would be ok. Lake doesn’t agree with this. Do we want to offer an opportunity for them to get involved?

MSU has opportunities that don’t have any program involvement. Program Approval seemed to be the favorite.
How do we handle clubs? Karimian wants to know if we could do something similar to the program approval and gain a senator's approval. Lauren doesn't think that going through a senator works very efficiently.

Rogala doesn't feel that this is appropriate either. Lake wants to know what the policy in regards to clubs is? Lawson wants to know how the funding board idea works?

Floerchinger notes that there are two pools that funding for clubs can come out of. There is a large pool and a small pool. Karimian wants to know if funding board gives a reason for why they did not get the money.

President elect Abby notes that they just give a blanket letter stating that the club did not receive funding. Scafide wants to know if you can have an applicant process. She feels that there is a student fee for a reason.

McKay would like to see clubs treated as unaffiliated sponsorships. Abeh agrees with McKay and doesn't want students to have a bunch of roadblocks but wants to also be practical.

Generally student activities have an un-objective standpoint towards controversial topics.

Rogala notes that the money we spend is highly entangled between clubs and student organizations. Scafide would like to change the wording. This can be left up to senate and finance board’s discretion.

Lake doesn't agree either. The conclusion is as follows clubs need a sponsor with caveats. Lake wants to know if a baseline can be established at around $20,000. The left over could possibly go to student activities. Historically we have not done it this way.

The problem is that there is not enough money to go around. Rogala believes that the definition of the supplemental does not need to have a base in the bylaws. Senate can have the final say in varying years and situations. Each year senate would allocate an appropriate amount. The balance seems to be fluctuating over the span of several years.

Scafide believes that program budgets should come first. He doesn't want the senate to be too restrictive. Lake supports a baseline in order to allow for some guidance. General consensus is to leave it up to senate.

Steffens moves to dissolve the committee of the whole and have a 5 min recess.

**Budgeting:** There have been several adjustments made to the budgets that will be viewed tonight. Carmen may have some ideas for how to adjust the
**Films:** Lawson moves to open seconded. Vote: 16/0/0 motion carries. Floerchinger is not in favor of the Sundance but thinks that we should support her. Is this actually an educational trip or is this for recreation. Senator Mains notes that this is for her job film majors this is an aspect of a film major. Townshend notes that this can be beneficial without having to be there. Brandi notes that this can be tabled. Steffens identifies that a festival is different than a conference. Bernard believes that this will be a valuable experience for her. Rogala feels that there is not enough information to vote. Can we arrange for her to talk about it next week? Townshend moves to table this topic definitely until next week Vote: 14/2/0 motion passes.

**State Leg:** Motion to open by Lawson seconded. Vote: 16/0/0 motion carries. Townshend moves to make a change to line item 61225 seconded. Vote: 16/0/0 motion carries. He believes that the yearlong positions should be extended. He would like to see this be moved to a tier three.

Floerchinger moves to previous question Vote: 15/0/0 move to approve State Leg budget by Combs seconded.

**Spirit:** Move to approve by Mains seconded. Townshend moves to previous question seconded. Vote: 16/0/0 motion carries. Move to approve the budget as it stands Vote: 16/0/0 motion carries.

**Elections:** Move to open by Floerchinger seconded. Townshend wonders why we charge for people to run for office? Blake notes that it is to ensure that the candidates are serious. Is the election assistant position worth the money paid for it?

Motion to table the budget until next week seconded. Vote: 6/10/0 motion fails. Steffens notes that there is definitely a need for two people here. Floerchinger moves to previous question seconded. Vote: 16/0/0 motion carries. Motion to approve budget as stands Vote:

**Late Night:** Move to open by Mains seconded. Move to approve by Steffens seconded. Bandstra notes that they are doing so well that there will be two separate routes to make it even more efficient.

Mains moves to previous question. Vote: 16/0/0 Motion to approve budget as it stands Vote: 16/0/0 motion carries.

**Funding Board:** Scafide moves to open seconded. Floerchinger moves to Override finance board as per admin recommendations seconded. Lawson believes that to make this move would be wrong to do to finance board. Floerchinger clearly disagrees.

The need for club funding he believes is more. Steffens notes that we made the decision to not fund clubs as ASMSU. We should give this group the money to
fund this organization. He believes that we need to give funding board the ability to do there job.

Duker agrees with Floerchinger and wants clubs to be able to come to senate. Floerchinger moves to previous question seconded. Vote: 11/5/0 motion carries. Move to vote on the amendment Vote: 10/6/0 motion fails. Lawson moves to table this until April 19th. Vote: 11/5/0

Admin: Lake moves to open the budget seconded. Floerchinger moves to close the budget no second. The Veterans dinner will probably continue to be a yearly occurrence.

The money they can ask for has already been allocated. Motion to increase the value of account 62134 seconded. Rogala notes that the admin account may not be the appropriate place. Steffens disagrees and notes that we should honor these people for their services. Bernard notes that this can be taken out of the budget next year if people do not agree with this.

Bernard moves to previous question seconded. Vote: 15/1/0. Motion carries. Vote to increase Line item 62134 Vote: 11/5/ 1 motion fails. Townshend moves to table definitely until next week seconded. Vote: 15/0/0 motion carries.

Productions: Mains moves to open seconded. Combs moves to approve productions. Mains moves to previous question. Vote: 16/0/0 Motion to approve budget as it stands Vote: 16/0/0 motion carries.

Admin Reports:

President Blake Bjornson: He hired Jake to do work on creating Senator boards in the college. He wants to know what Senators input is. Exit Gallery, they are meeting with Stacey tomorrow to discuss details. You had a couple discussions about hiring a MASS lobbyist. Student loan interest rates are at risk of being doubled if individuals will take no action.

Faculty Senate recently passed some policy that deals with missing time as a student. They have made additions to adhere to students to have prior engagements. Vice president for finance candidate came to campus today.

Vice President Joey Steffens: He wants to make it known that tabling means that there will be a lot more involved outside of Senate. He is transitioning Lindsey. The t-shirts exchange was a success. Brandi had an idea of rewarding students with champ change for coming in to meet their senator. Senator Lake, Lawson, Mains, and Karimian are all interested.
**Business Manager Lauren Jackson:** She met with most of the program directors and it went really well. Meet with your program directors and it went well.

**Senate President Jenny Lawson:** Cat Tracker event deadline is April 9th. Is there anything that people would like add? There is a Google student ambassador position that will be open to everyone Scafide and Karimian are both interested.

2012 pro-expo is occurring soon and there will be prizes. This is a merger between exit gallery and the procrastinator. Arts and Exhibits has an event coming up next week. Blue and Gold ball tickets are available.

**Senate Reports:** Lake has a few items on the exponent and they will be asking for $500 for in-state travel. The hired two news editors and they took care of the funding for those positions.

Scafide wants to have a meeting tomorrow at 12 in the office. Bernard notes that physical activity courses for credit is moving along and there is a meeting next week for the initiative. Thuringer she went to a meeting on renting a safe home. Rogala met with Andy and he seems excited to work in this position. Two senate seats open until the following Wednesday.

Combs notes that she will be in contact with the coordinator of the graduation of the college of nursing. We pay for this fee through ASMSU. Lawson notes that the search for the new dean of library is in commencement however this has been pushed out until September.

Duker noted the origin of the posters and they were intended to be satiric. They are meeting and commencing sustaining relationships. This is something that Kiah is excited about and wants to continue this.

**Senate Announcements:** Senator Lawson won the student of achievement award. Swishes for wishes are this weekend so everyone come.

**Meeting Adjourned at 10:21 pm.**