ASMSU Senate Meeting March 8\textsuperscript{th}, 2012

\textit{SUB 235}

Call Meeting to Order at 6:03 pm

Roll Call

\textbf{Review Previous Minutes:} Motions to approve the minutes of March 1\textsuperscript{st} by Bernard seconded.

\textbf{Public Comment:} Paul Mariani, Montana State University Lacrosse. The funds are related to the operating budget the rookies pay $1,500 and the veterans pay $1,000. The problem is that they do not have a way to travel to events. They travel to places such as California, Colorado, etc. The problem is that they need a new school bus to get their games.

The budget increase he feels is to fund student organizations, which is what the fund is for. His supplemental request has been tabled and he wants ASMSU to take another look at the supplemental. The team travels a lot and thus the importance of the bus. He has personally taken out loans and would like to see more involvement from ASMSU.

Lake wonders how many games there are? There are 15 games total. This year they have five away games. The vehicle is priced currently at around $10,000.

Rogala wonders if he got in touch with Mike. She would like to help them further this cause. She would like to coordinate with the lacrosse teams.

Murakami wonders how the how the rugby team gets to their games?

\textbf{Sam Atkins:} Human Powered Advisor Coordinator he is here to help coordinate a positive relationship between the two organizations. He would love to help start a positive path. Lake wants Dillon to expand on his qualifications. He is qualified due to his background in mountain bike racing. He was born in one of the cycling capitals in the world, Boulder, Colorado. Worked on multiple cycling companies. He has really strong marketing skills and a solid background in advertisement.

\textbf{Presentations}

- Bryan Vadheim – State Leg: He is here to talk about MASS. They decided the three main initiatives: faculty pay, need-based aid, and starting graduate programs. They are going to work diligently on communicating with the students at the university and how they feel about particular issues. Board of Regents selected eight initiatives and MASS choose three of the eight.

  The three areas that were selected have not been given a lot of attention. The sexual assault summit was very successful and hopefully it has started some new dialogues. Murakami wants to know the result of the liberal studies agenda item.
• John Stiles – Campus Entertainment: The top priorities right now are the blue and gold ball and bobcat fest downtown. They are holding weekly meetings to see how their organization can better serve ASMSU.

• Finance Board – ASMSU Budget Presentation and Recommendation: The recommendations were received really well. Blake’s philosophy with budgeting, he doesn’t want to focus on the nitty gritty. The bottom line is the most important. He wants this to be much more strategic.

  The first topic has to do with their student programs; he thought that it was really easy to keep all the current organizations running which is just not possible. He would like to see the employees actually showing up, being held accountable. The program coordinator position is almost impossible for Blake and Joey to do as full time students. They are thinking about creating a position that satisfies what they need in the office and someone who also can also oversee the programs. He wants to be held accountable to the students. This person would work extremely close with PR. One of this persons biggest focus’ would be communicating with students and getting in touch with more students. The constant problem in the office is that the office staffs are too swamped. What he is asking is for senate to address those needs.

  Townshend wonders how this will change the president and vice president roles? He believes that being able to dedicate full effort to certain committees. Blake doesn’t feel that this person can be a student. In the total of $22,880 around $9,000 of this is just for health insurance. Classified employees run all of the Universities best programs, this would elevate time for students to be present on student committees. We are really good at shared governance. We set a guideline for what we need program coordinators and this person would make sure that these tasks would be fulfilled.

  Rogala wonders if Patty used to be in charge and was an unofficial advisor. The dean of students should not play a big role in overseeing this program. What they are asking for the money to do this, not how to do this. Should the president and vice president take a pay cut? When outdoor recreation was first started they started a reserve for them.

  Blake wants to take this out of the reserve and not the regular budget. He doesn’t believe that the street team is worth the money that is being paid. Office supplies have been reduced. Student clubs are the best way for students to get involved on campus. There are 205 student clubs on campus and the mission of ASMSU is to provide students with leadership opportunities.

  Blake believes that this university is to us v. them. He wants to see the student organizations grow. The fund for this ran empty in February.

  Lake wants to know how these fees are allocated. In the past there has been little organization. She wants to know what the criteria for what gets funded are which are not. They have a funding pool where they give priority to established clubs and the rest goes to newer clubs. Whatever you end up with at the end of the year should go into the supplemental.

  The reserve is very healthy. There is an excess of around $73,000. Outdoor recreation is owed $10,000, the deficit form campus is 60,000, Spirit deficit is $7,500, and FY13 for outdoor recreation is $10,000.

  The finance board received this by stating that funds that are not being used should be put into the reserve. The capital fund will now be going into the reserve as well
as films will be going to the reserve. The finance board had one difference instead of giving $20,000 to student organizations it would be $15,000 so that $5,000 can go to the supplemental account.

The expect the program directors know what they needed and so finance board will fully support them and their decisions.

Lake wonders what will happen next year if they have another mistake how will they cover it?

Haskell notes that from where they at right now we are perfectly fine. The requests are not completely out of the ordinary. The reserve is for exactly this. ASMSU is operating on a large budget and Haskell is curious what has been done in the past for the reserve. The position that Blake was referring to earlier of program coordinator will help to prevent large mistakes.

Brandi notes the changes have been presented to Montana Hall in regards to the workers comp rates. The ball is in Senates court; April 19th is when the budget has to be finalized. Haskell noted that the nice thing is that all the senators are now seasoned. A chunk of time will be set aside for the next five meetings to address this issue.

Rogala wonders if there will be a dinner.

Lawson notes that this will be in Google documents and therefore senators should look this over before it would save a lot of time. Mock budgeting will be held after spring break.

Senator Floerchinger recognizes Senator Karimian.

Unfinished Business

New Business

• Supplemental Request – Tactical Action Gaming Club, $610: Their goal is to bring people together for human interactions. There only event this year is human v. zombies. Last year there were about 340 students who played. There are about 900 students expected to play and they are in need of funding. They need a $610 increase, which is why they are presenting this supplemental.

The hope is to increase the profit. These funds will be going to t-shirts. Their current funds went to funding the website to establish liability and rules of play. They are starting with 20 t-shirts and will plan a second order if they sell the first 20. They are working towards sustainability. This is hoped to be a one-time thing, they hope to use the t-shirts as a fundraiser. They just need help with their initial funding. This club does have a huge impact on campus and is something that student’s look forward to.

Floerchinger notes that this year’s senate is trying to stray away from funding student clubs. They understand that this isn’t a senate issue however the money that was given last week they are not eligible for the $4,000 given to student clubs last week because the are still a new club.

McKay notes that the procrastinator is not financially sponsoring this game.

Lake appreciates what they are doing however, she suggests changing the T-shirt design to lower the cost. She also notes the screening fee will continually make money off the T-shirts.
Scafide notes in looking over the numbers that the profit is really small so what else is this committee looking to do for funding? The fee to the players causes several problems; the official site says that charging students is not deemed ok. The hassle of it might drive people away.

Scafide notes that is a one-time thing however, what else are you doing to sustain this program. In the future they will be funded by student activities.

Abeh bounces off Scafide by stating that they should realize that most clubs have to pay dues on an annual basis. This is a different situation according to this club because charging memberships is more complicated than say for the lacrosse team. French moves to approve seconded.

French notes that student activities does a great job of running their clubs. Finance board does not support this supplemental request. He does not believe this is the correct way to do this.

Rogala notes that they have a sponsorship from one of ASMSU programs. French believes that this may be an isolated case he believes that this is going to set a bad precedent.

Rogala wants to know if there is a lower amount they would accept? There is actually a precedent to the opposite in regards to French’s statement.

Rogala believes that this is a good allocation of a sponsorship. She believes that this will attract a different crowd. And does not believe that this will open a floodgate to a lot of things. She wants to keep in mind the bigger picture.

Thuringer wonders if they have considered other orders of funding. The club notes that they have not looked into other sources of funding.

Haskell notes that the profit would remain at %80. Finance board voted this down 0 to 9. This is a general policy that they don’t want to reverse the precedent.

Steffens wonders if this money is going through Laura? Finance board believes that this is not a good idea and serious con

Lawson moves to previous question seconded. Vote: 9/5/0 Motion to approve supplemental: 6/10/1 Motion fails.

Admin Reports

- President – Blake Bjornson: Campus entertainment overview he asked John to give him an overview of what he will be doing for the rest of the year. The proposals that have been submitted have all been ranked by topic. Teach for America: They hire campus campaign coordinators on campuses. Scafide and Bernard are interested. College of Business please go to the meetings. He went to D.C. for free to participate in the policy conference.

- Vice-President – Joey Steffens: Health insurance issue on campus. The issue is as follows, the cost will not increase they want to change the way the insurance is delivered on campus. There are no decisions that have been made currently.

  Kiah is going to be reaching out to the students on campus to hear their opinion. The biggest issue is that it is required for any person taking more than three credits. The requirement is too low. Bernard wonders how the insurance provider is doing financially. Hiring applications are due the 23rd. Contract revisions are happening right
now. This will happen the week after spring break. General Wesley Clark was this week. The exit gallery renovation is still in progress.

- **Business Manager – Lauren Jackson:** The procrastinator is running over budget. The movie budget has been over spent. More non-work study where hired then work-study students.
- **Senate President – Jenny Lawson:** Attendance a lot of people have been gone due to testing. If you go beyond the two unexcused absences then you will have to forfeit their senate seats. Only school and illness related absences will be excused. April 26th will be the banquet. The senator of the year awards will given at the banquet.

  The banquet will be held at the museum of the Rockies. The attire is to dress to impress. Students in leadership application are looking for volunteers to help. There are hiring committees that need to be filled. This is ultimately Kiah’s decision. This is mandatory to go to at least one.
- **Senate Vice President – Dillon Haskell:** Finance board has put in a lot of time and he really appreciates it. He went through all the history this past week and he put together what has been spent and where it was being spent. This year we are doing really well. The history of funding clubs in the past has opened a floodgate and it caused a lot of problems. There have been supplemental in the pasts that have been problematic for senate. Clubs and organizations have already run into these problems with sponsorships.

  Lake wants to know how this applies to yearly sponsorships? Haskell replies that this is a rarity in regards to increasing sponsorships. If they are events then the admin budget is where they should be placed. A line needs to be drawn and we need to elevate the gray area.

  Marsh believes that the finance board was charged with fiscally responsible decisions not philosophical decisions and the supplemental presented was a little of both. Board of regents was a really good experience. MASS actually has a lunch in and it was really beneficial. It is also cool to compare with other campuses. It is cool to see how many great strides that ASMSU has made great strides.

  Sam was just hired for the bike safety committee and looking forward to the progress to come. KGBLT is really cool. Procrastinator is doing a lot better Chantel has been doing a great job. Townshend awesome job doing a great job on bylaws.

**Senate Reports:** Lake those who ordered business cards they are available tomorrow. Core 2.0 has a meeting on March 27th at 9 am and she needs someone to fill in for her. Exponent board meeting today went really well.

  Floerchinger met with the fitness center and they are replacing the north and south floors. This gives us an opportunity to put our name on the gym floors.

  Scafide notes that at the day care they just hired a new teacher. EFAC needs people to respond to there emails as well as picking up information packet.

  Combs is hoping to meet with the college of nursing to address some issues.

  Bernard notes that the physical activity courses for credit passed another hurdle and moving forward. Waiting to meet with the films director.
Townshend notes the renovation for the exit gallery is moving forward. There will be a supplemental for this coming up soon. This is a great resource for art majors.

Lawson met with college of business dean and she wants to promote more student involvement in the building process of the building of this. The library dean will be in place by the end of the next financial year.

Rogala notes that CFAC is looking to expand and make more improvements on campus.

**Senate Announcements:** Bernard notes that General Clark was a huge success. Marsh notes that her sorority is putting together a fundraiser for make a wish and wants people to join.

**Meeting Adjourned 8:53pm**