Meeting called to order at 6:03 pm

Roll Call:

Review Previous Meeting’s Minutes:

Krueger- move to approve minutes from November 3rd

Seconded by Sen. Duker

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Public Comment: None

Presentations:

Anne Milkovich- MSU Integration Initiative (MSUii)

The results and current status of MSUii: This started a few years ago before President Cruzado and she picked it up with integrating offices across the four campuses of Montana State University. We are currently moving away from the initiative to full operations. (Presentation on program goals and success criteria, engagement committees and teams, accomplishments, methodologies, portfolio management framework, transition to permanent operations) If there is something you have a burning desire to get fixed, then we can add it to the pipelines and do something about it.

Bernard- is there any chance that the Senate can receive a list of initiatives to look over?

Anne- www.montana.edu/msuii is our website and I can sure send those to you. On the right hand of the webpage is the Status link. (Scholarships, direct deposit, forms for transfers) there are different schedules for everything and different rules for students who are going to multiple campuses. Another problem is changing course numbers- such as if a student takes a statistics course in Billings and it wont cover the same credits for Bozeman.

Rogala- the program management office? Is that a new office or adding responsibilities to a job?

Anne- it was added responsibilities for me. We had to change some things in my office to make this work so I can work on it. We did not hire anyone extra for this.

John Stiles- Campus Entertainment

The CE world is beyond busy at this point. We are having a Comedy Dinner show on Monday Night in the ballroom, and senate has a reserved table for 8 people. Free admission to boost the comedy spot light and students will actually open for the Comedian hired. He came to campus a few weeks ago but with flight delays couldn’t perform. The concert is at the top . We Shot The Moon is the small opener and the day of the show they will do a half hour show in the SUB to promote the show and ticket sales. We have
been sending out press releases. We revamped the campus entertainment mission statement. It outlines what we hope to do with campus entertainment. We just got back from NACA in Spokane, and we will present next week on that. Reno 911 will be performing in February as a comedy show. We learned a lot from the other campuses and what they are doing. What MSU is doing with government and entertainment is far ahead of everyone else.

Kolar- how many tickets were sold during the student discount days

John- 855

Floerchinger- how much was this show?

John- we came in substantially lower. The possible loss is 140,000.

Floerchinger- breaking point?

John- 5700 tickets

Krueger- How about marketing in Billings and Great Falls?

John- We are doing limited newspaper ads, and we are on radio across the state, Plain White T’s will be added next week. We are working with UM a lot to bus students down here to increase ticket sales too.

Mains- what time is the comedy show?

John-7pm

Bernard- who are you using for the bus service?

John- that will be handled through UM not us, but we are just helping them out. It will not cost us a thing.

John Stiles- Street Team

Nash Addicks couldn’t make it tonight. We are working with the street team- the champ change will be used to have student volunteer for street team at the events. We are trying to increase use of street team across campus. It’s a new thing we are doing and it’s a rocky start. He learned a lot at NACA, and he has a better idea at what he wants to do with this. He talked with other school’s street teams. He is developing incentives for students to join the street team. It’s just difficult to get students to want to do that.

Floerchinger- Can we have Nash in next week?

John- Yes.
Unfinished Business:

2011-B-11 RSO Funding Board (second reading)

PS Lawson- (read changes to the bill from last week) is there anything the sponsors would like to add?

Rogala- I move to approve.

Seconded by Sen. Townshend

Rogala- One thing that we would like feedback on “at least three” which is on the finance board bill as well, its ambiguity could cause some problems.

Floerchinger- Can we put a clause on the bill to have it available that there is a set point of how many senators are on the board at the beginning of each year.

VPS Haskell- this is already affirming the funding board is there. Most of the document is making it official that it exists?

Rogala- Yes.

Townshend- Yes and to clarify that there is funding for student activities.

VPS Haskell- in Finance Board, there is a loop hole that administration can put their name on the supplemental and send the money to another organization or activity and this could happen here as well.

Townshend- yes, I was thinking the same thing.

Rogala- Senate is the mechanism to decide whether or not a supplemental is approved. But if it goes through RSO we will not have that say.

Krueger- I think that its allowing registered student clubs getting a “sponsorship” and I think that is ok through ASMSU.

Townshend- I agree but I think we should be clearer in our verbiage for finance board with “sponsorship.”

Floerchinger- This says that a club comes to ask for money and goes through RSO funding board, and the sponsorship is if they go through one of our programs?

Rogala- No, they will not be able to come through senate. This is to affirm that the funding board goes year round.

Vps Haskell- They could still abuse this privilege.

Krueger- out of order
VPS Haskell- if an RSO goes through a program- in the past a senator can sponsor it and the money can go to another activity other than that program.

Rogala- if a program decides it’s in its interest to sponsor an RSO, and it is their duty to come for a supplemental. There are checks in place for that abuse.

Krueger- additionally, there would be three check points. First the program, then Finance Board, then it would come to Senate. I feel that is ok.

Mains- if it has to go through Finance Board and then us, then why don’t we combine Finance Board and funding board?

Rogala- Finance Board comes through us and funding board does not which is why we shouldn’t be talking about Finance Board right now. RSO funding board we sit on, but it is not ASMSU money the senate decides on.

VPS Haskell- technically it wouldn’t be the sole source of funds.

Townshend- we would still be supplementing the program who allocates those funds.

Rogala- I think 3 senators is fine and accounted for.

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**New Business:**

Supplemental Request- Champ Change Auction

Rogala- move to approve

Seconded by Sen. Steffens

VPS Haskell- I’d like to recognize the office of student success representatives.

Sam Kujala- The champ change is an awesome program, which we give away awesome prizes and for student retention purposes and increase.

We have had 200 champ change events this semester not including the usual events. We have had over 4300 student participate. 772 freshman and sophomores voting in elections this fall.

Mains- what was your biggest event?

Sam- I Legend of the Bobcat in the first week of school.

Bernard- the second bullet point about advisors, could you elaborate?
Sam: We have student success advisors, who literally call and get ahold of students who aren’t doing well in class, and actively do that. We are doing anything and everything possible to increase retention efforts.

Bernard: Have you considered reaching out to organizations to use it as a marketing tool?

Sam: Yes we have. We have been talking to organizations just to give students to come. BUS 101 will give students an A for participation if they get 6000 points.

Floerchinger: The benefits to ASMSU? How do events go about having it become a champ change event?

Sam: They should find us, and go online to submit an event.

Floerchinger: How many Champ Change events have been an ASMSU event?
Sam: I want to say a couple, and intramurals as well are counted. And homecoming elections as well.

Steffens: Is this the second year? This year it is for freshman and sophomores? Are you going to extend it through to the whole student body?

Sam: Not really just because freshman and sophomores are usually the ones who drop out and have the lowest retention rate.

Steffens: Was there any sort of percent change of retention because of champ change?

Sam: I don’t know now but it will be awhile.

Steffens: Retention has increased over the past year, 76%.

- We have had a lot of feedback about freshman and sophomores coming.

French: I was at the last Champ Change auctions, where did you get the money last year? And why are you coming this year?

Sam: You approved it last fall for 2500 and last spring we did not come.

Krueger: Correction you came for the spring auction.

VPS Haskell: This was regarded highly in finance board. 5 yes and 0 no. We had a hard time deciding that whether or not we should approve that as it is not an ASMSU event but it’s going through Pres. Bjornson and will be directed that way. It was also brought up that we should budget admin some money that would go directly to champ change this year.

Krueger: Because this was brought to us last year, that if this is going to reoccur we shouldn’t keep doing a supplemental since that is a one time thing and we should keep in mind the sponsorships through supplementals that reoccur.

Townshend: A sponsorship budget to be set in place?
Krueger- no that would be another group to make things difficult. Its reoccurring so much that we can make it a line item in the admin budget.

Lake- last year, I thought this was a good program, and I’m having trouble with the amount. I would worry about the amount; I think it should be increased. Many students don’t get prizes and we could increase the amount of students who could win prizes.

Townshend- I think the amount is too small.

French- I agree, but I don’t think I agree with using an ASMSU fee to from all students and use it for only freshman and sophomores. Because only some people are able to access it.

Bandstra- part of the problem is that it is going to material things, and it’s hard to want to allocate money for something that is not long lasting.

Rogala- the first is that student fees are paid are to contribute to these programs, and we also fund a day care that supports only 40 children.

Bernard- the daycare also benefits other people; which is an entirely different issue.

Rogala- I move to override finance board and change it to 4000

Seconded by Sen. Steffens

Fred Vollmer- Hannah Combs proxy- the money might only be used to only 5-10 students, with the expensive prizes, and I think we should have a discussion with champ change about this. I don’t think increasing it will reach more students.

Marsh- I know this doesn’t benefit 14,000 students, but I don’t know how us randomly deciding an amount to give to them, and since finance board approved this amount and they came with this amount in mind we should talk to someone about it.

Kolar- I will be abstaining from voting. The 5,500 is for both auctions, and if you are to decrease it.

Duker- I move to table this because of arbitrary discussion

BM Jackson- the 5500 is supposed to represent one dollar for every freshman student.

Seconded by Sen. Mains

Murakami- if we table this, then we need to vote on this by next week otherwise they have to push back the auction.

Floerchinger- this is our money and we can make a decision on it. I think the 4000 is fine. I think it is a good time to make a decision. It’s up to us.

Bernard- offering champ change is to increase retention, and these students will later pay money like this.
McLaughlin- I think we should decide and I think we should give them the money now, and let us talk to them more for next semester.

Rogala- it is nice to talk to other organizations but I want to vote for us to not table this.

Duker- I withdraw my motion

Mains- withdraw

PS Lawson- overriding fiancé board for 4000.

VPS Haskell- previously it has been discussed to decrease it to 2000 for one auction last year.

Rogala- it is an arbitrary number, but it is at our discretion. It we give them less then they purchase less. If anyone has a better number then we can discuss that.

VPS Haskell- what would the total of supplemental be if we approve this now?

BM Jackson- 32,430 (and cents)

Lake- it is supplemental money and student money and there are student who work their butts off to get that tuition paid, and this is student money, and I don’t think we need to spend it on just anything if it is there.

Floerchinger- by voting to spend it we vote to approve it, but I think it is a good vote for money.

Pres. Bjornson- it sounds like you are worried about the total amount and worried about the deadline for the fall auction. Perhaps we can split it in half, for 2500 now and discuss the res later.

Duker- are we still working with the 4000?

Lawson- yes.

Mains- I think we should go with Sen. Kolar’s numbers

McLaughlin- I think we should

Floerchinger – I think we should split it to the 2000 and do the same in the spring.

Lake- there are still too many red flags for me. Supplementals are for one time requests, and students give us this money and I think we need to be fiscally responsible.

Steffens- can that argument not be made for everything we vote on?

VPS Haskell- I like the idea of splitting it, and gives us the chance in the spring to look at it again and we are given the chance to prioritize. It gives us a chance to have the money to use if we want to. We are still discussing the 4000 at this time.
McLaughlin- I think that a good reason to give the money now and we can put it in place now and it is solved.

PS Lawson- if you have further general discussion we can discuss this later after we discuss and vote on the 4000 amount base.

Krueger- call to previous question

Seconded by Sen. Steffens

VP Steffens- call to previous question is not a motion that can be made right now.

PS Lawson- voting to vote

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PS Lawson- now voting to approve the 4000 and the supplemental

1/17/1 (Sen. Kolar abstains)

Floerchinger- I move to override finance board and change the amount to 2000 and specify it is for the fall auction.

Seconded by Steffens

7/10/1 (Sen. Kolar abstains)

PS Lawson- the motion failed.

Floerchinger- we are back at 5500, and I feel like we thought that 5500 was too much but is that what we are voting on now?

Rogala- we don’t want to give them 2000 and we don’t want to give them 4000? What's going on?

Townshend- I'm voting against the funds completely.

Pres. Bjornson- the reason my name is on it, is that the Champ Change program has shown great strides in retention for first and second year students. We ran for these spots to increase retention and enhance student experience. I want you to keep in mind that finance board voted for this because they thought it was a fiscally responsible fund. Retention helps all of us.

Steffens- I completely agree. Just because it doesn’t directly impact us in the room, it impacts retention a lot, and maybe a small amount of students will receive prizes, but this is helping the university a lot. And I think this is a small about to pay to increase retention and population at MSU. I think more activities are being attended because of this.
Krueger- we are debating on an amount. I think 5500 is smart. It doesn’t change out books that much. There is not a huge point in fighting over it. It’s a great program for our students and retention; it’s a better way to grow our university.

VP Steffens- all those students who attend these events are ASMSU students.

Kolar- what I like about champ change is that it is for anyone, not just one group of students. It’s for the math center and the gym and different activities. The fact sheet that was given to us shows that it is just for material things, but many prizes are also donated. Someone also mentioned 5500 is for dollar each student but it’s less than that because it is for both auctions.

Rogala- if we are thinking about purely individual benefits, then we need to realize that goes for everything because not every student is also benefited.

Murakami- the freshman and sophomores are paying the fee, and you can look at it that way, that it is their money specifically. We fund things that not every student uses such as the procrastinator. This impacts a huge amount of students.

Bernard-eventually every student will have had the champ change opportunity.

Townshend- how much focus is on the last section of the fact sheet about intervention of freshman students?

Kolar- a lot of what they do is called “early alert” and it is referred by teachers and we bring them in. they do a lot more besides the champ change.

Townshend- I think this is a worthwhile program I am just nervous about the students who will still be missed by this if they don’t attend the champ change events already

Lake- I support this program but I don’t think this should come from the supplemental fund.

Bandstra- do you think the main reason the students go to the champ change events is for these prizes.

Kolar- some teachers require they go to the events. I would say 50% of student come to the office asking about champ change points for the prizes. It’s a great incentive to go to the gym and math learning center.

Bandstra- I think it is interesting that these student go to the activities and events, and I think it is more fiscally responsible to support the events than this auction.

Mains- yeah people are in it for the prizes, but they are going to events and meeting people. Also people don’t just go for the prizes, but just go to hang out with others. And they really do want to be involved.

Rogala- I think we all support student success and activity. They way we can show our support is by giving them money, we can’t take other steps.

French- move to previous question
Seconded by Sen. Floerchinger

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PS Lawson- we will now vote on the motion to approve for the 5500 as agreed on in the supplemental.

13/4/2 (Kolar and Duker abstain)

PS Lawson- motion carries.

2011-R-17 Religious Studies Major

Duker- (read the resolution)

Krueger- move to approve

Seconded by Sen. Lake

VPS Haskell- what does the part mean about the financial burden?

Bernard- there will only be about 1 or 2 classes that will need to be formed, there is a preexisting structure for this major.

Duker- the Board of Regents was going to be discussing this next Thursday, but will not be anymore for further discussion. We hope to get it on the agenda for January.

Pres. Bjornson- one thing we started doing was taking a week to learn about something before voting on it, to not seem rash.

Duker- there is already those courses, and anyone who wants to follow that in graduate school, as of right now has to get a history major.

VPS Haskell- there is the public comment section of board of regents, so you should definitely still present to them during their meeting here.

Floerchinger- would you speak at the Board of Regents?

Duker- I was going to do that, and I will be discussing this with my dept.

Floerchinger

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Appoint Senate Finance Board Members

Ps Lawson- nominations?
French- how many are we looking to nominate?

Rogala- at least three—there has to be at least 3 nominations.

VPS Haskell- if we had three set, then senators could also apply and go through that process to be appointed.

Rogala- sen. French (accepted)

Steffens- sen. Lake (accepted)

Krueger- sen. Townshend (accepted)

VPS Haskell- sen. Krueger (declined) sen. Rogala (declined)

French- sen. Abeh (declined)

Krueger- sen. Bernard (accepted)

Lake- sen. Bandstra (declined)

VPS Haskell- sen. Floerchinger (declined) this is an incredibly important committee that they should talk about their intentions.

Rogala- move that every senator gets two votes, and each person needs five votes to be on finance board, and have each person nominated leave the room and give their speech as well.

Seconded by Steffens

Pres. Bjornson- the four who are outside the room will be gone for their own intentions for voting. And secondly, each person who votes and who gets a majority vote

French- stay and participate in discussion?

Ps Lawson- yes.

VP Steffens- consider clarifying this bill. Designing a process and the amount of senators on this.

Rogala- withdraw motion

Duker- move to vote in the fashion that Sen. Rogala had mentioned.

Townshend- I think each person would need a majority vote.

Bernard- I would like to withdraw my name from the vote.

Ps Lawson- we will vote on the three members.

VP Steffens- each has to have a majority vote?
French- I would like more insight on the issues in finance board that are presented to senate, and I think this is the senate’s way of being fiscally responsible.

Lake- I appreciate a deeper understanding of issues that come up before the senate floor. I think I have a good perception of representing the student body.

Townshend- I was one of the sponsors for the finance board bill and I learned a lot about the procedures and policy and I would like to serve for the senate.

Rogala- move to suspend dump truck rules

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French-15
Lake-17
Townshend-17
Big Mike-1
Floerchinger-1

Admin Reports:

Pres. Bjornson- Next week is Board of Regents. MAS is next Wednesday night is at 7pm in this room talking about student issues. Please come. Thursday and Friday will be an ongoing meeting in the sub ballrooms. It can be dry, but check out the agenda online and look at your interests and go for at least an hour. The Exponent—we had an opportunity to put a new program in a room, and the vet center went there. And the Exponent is currently misplaced, and we are going to remodel the back offices of the exponent offices.

Krueger- is it is a good use of our space to use for another program.

Pres. Bjornson- yes. The space in this building is very valuable and thought about very critically. It’s a great move.

VPS Haskell- how much does the remodeling cost?

Pres. Bjornson- 21,000 is the estimate. And the division of student success is going to be paying for that. Our group will not be paying for that. Student need assessment is done and the survey is ready to go out. We want 500 responses. We need you to distribute it.

https:// surveymonkey.com/s/ ASMSU

Its about 20 minutes and there are incentives—two $200 incentives to the bookstore. It terminates on the 25th. It’s timely and the info we will get from that is really great. KIVA is a micro lending website—and there are teams on Kiva, and we had a discussion of if MSU should have a team. It’s a great
Christmas gift, and you can credit it to the MSU TEAM. Jim frisk works with Sen. Baucus who is the chair of senate finance committee. There is an internship, and the first priority is MSU and Montana students.

Townshend- is it reserved for Montana residents?

Pres. Bjornson- it is not.

VP Steffens- Today, the LI put on an event for leaders of student organizations with the intent of breaking down communication barriers between organizations on MSU. It was a very productive day. The comedian is Monday night, and local comics will open. Please promote our events! Tomorrow, it is Veterans Day the role call service is from 9am-4pm. Sen. Tester will give a speech from 4-5pm. Dodge ball tournament Saturday we need a team. Its at 10am.

BM Jackson- no report.

Kolar- supplemental number?

BM Jackson- 32,403.08

PS Lawson- we will not be meeting in December. We will be meeting in January (with PS Lawson) We found the resolution for responsible purchasing. The office has been extraordinarily messy. It is not Colleen or Phyllis’ job, and it represents us. Keep it clean.

Pres. Bjornson- there is a tradition of not meeting during dead week.

VP Steffens- last week, with the tickets and the flag. You do get a ticket for Cat/Griz.

VPS Haskell- This week I met with KGLT. I learned about the history of KGLT and the plans with making it a dollar committee from the past. Hopefully she will present soon. They do a lot for us. In the future for con/audit. I don’t want to go with emails, and I would like us to start meeting instead. Finance board Tuesday at 5:30pm.

**Senate Reports:**

Floerchinger- Joey, Blake and I met with the SUB Advisory Committee and we talked about the SUB budget and they are going to redo the ballrooms and add two more drinking fountains with the water bottle things and a Bobcat Stadium panorama in the Bobcat Market. SUB Pub was discussed and they are on board with that.

Townshend- Does the renovation include these rooms?

Floerchinger- No.

Bernard- We met with Steve Erickson who has a budget proposed for the fitness classes.

Krueger- Ultimately it will go to budget council.
VPS Haskell- We had a chance to talk to Gretchen Hooker to make a position about bike safety and a bike rental program.

**Announcements:**

Mains- I made a bulletin board in the College of Business for Senate and us for our constituents.

Rogala- how did you get that set up?

Mains- we talked to the Dean who also wants us handing stuff out at advising.

Duker- I suggest we have a real toy dump truck for every third dump truck vote. And I think this would bring light to senate from all the seriousness.

**Adjourn Meeting:**

Murakami- move to adjourn.

Seconded by Sen. Townshend

*Meeting adjourned at 8:34pm*