ASMSU Senate Meeting Minutes for November 3rd, 2011

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm

Roll Call:

Review Previous Meeting’s Minutes:

Kolar- move to approve minutes from October 27th.

Seconded by Sen. Murakami

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Public Comment:

Gretchen Hooker- Director of ASMSU Sustainability Center-

CSAC is the Campus Sustainability Advising Council, and I am part of that body and we recently formed a working group for responsible purchasing—which supports environmental products and fair trade products. I want to bring it to your attention for two reasons: Which is the Spring of 2010 Senate approved the bill for responsible purchasing. I want you to get involved in the group for student input and second, since passing that responsible purchasing bill, ASMSU has done limited action in acting upon that. And we want more support and want you to integrate that. With CSAC taking action, you can make a really powerful example. It’s important that this is a student led program. Resolution 25 in 2010.

Presentations:

Brian Vadheim- State Leg.

The mayoral candidates’ forum last night and there was 35-40 people in attendance. It was also recorded and televised by KTVQ. The costs for that were some printing fees. We are now hiring for the student lobbyist position. Applications are due Wednesday Nov. 16th at 5pm.

Rogala- any specific targeting to Political Science dept.?

Brian- Yes, to the political science dept. and College Democrats and College Republicans.

Bernard- Where can you get the applications?

Brian- In the ASMSU Office.

University Communications-

Jake Dolan and Tracy Ellig-

Ideally we want to come out of this is communicate better with the student body and the student government and work with you.
Tracy: I am the news director in UC I am the primary liaison in the local media. If you have an event you would like the public to know about in the local media please come talk to me at any time. We also do mini trainings for any student group to sharpen the message of the group to increase money they raise to membership.

Jake: I run the web communications unit and manage the website and the target audience pages along with mobile development and email. We also deal with emails to donors, alumni, students, future students. We want to better connect the audience across the campus and community. One way we are trying to increase engagement with students is redeveloping a new calendar system of MSU and pushing events to target audience pages etc. it will engage the audiences and better promote your events. One thing we need from the student government and the students are to actually submit your events. We are going to start a campaign to better promote your events. Hopefully coming out in the next few weeks. We are also working on a mobile website and hopefully behind that are the mobile apps. Mostly for on campus students to make your experience here more helpful and engaged.

Tracy: We also have graphics and marketing and they are a for fee shop to produce posters and post cards, any type of marketing material you want printed at the highest quality.

Haskell: that sounds great! When I use the search system to look up a date, the dates are all jumbled up, can we search according to date?

Jake: we use the public Google search to search the domain. They can’t decipher content with date, just content. And that is one challenge we have to find a solution to. The Google search in the future won’t change much in the short term.

Steffens: An estimated time for the mobile app?

Jake: I can’t give a delivery time yet because other projects are being worked on first and having a mobile website, and then making an app. hopefully by the end of the semester. One reason we move forward is a team of students, we currently have 4 students working for us and one student is dedicated to the mobile app right now. Most of the development we do has student involvement.

Bernard: you are redoing a new calendar apart from the events calendar or a completely new system?

Jake: it’s a completely new system which we want to include social media and eventually let students be able to incorporate their own schedules into it which will be in the future.

Bernard: will there bet two calendars or just one?

Jake: just one existing calendar.

Duker: how do you submit events and how will it change?

Jake: there is a form to fill out, and there used to be a calendar administrator that you report to and then we go over it and decide if its an MSU event of not. There is an event submissions link in the footnotes of the site. We want to change the guidelines.
Haskell- with this calendar, will you have a way for groups to have info about themselves or strictly events?
Jake- that is one thing we are also working on. So that the clubs can categorize their events to be more personable.

Elections- Jake Lasinsky

We have set the dates for set for the presidential events and we are in the makings of having a debate and we also have a primary set up for that if there are enough candidates. We had a meeting last week where we want to have forums for next fall and we want to increase student turnout if you have an ideas please talk to us.

Floerchinger- This is just the presidential elections? If one person runs what is the forum debate for?
Jake- Yes, this is just for president and vice president. And it would be more question and answer.

Rogala- Is there some way to figure out turn out for elections per college?
Jake- Yes, we have that information.

Rogala- So you can focus on those colleges.

Krueger- With the presidential election etc next year will you work with state leg for some more opportunities?
Jake- that’s a great idea.

Unfinished Business:

2011-B-10- Finance Board (Second Reading)

PS Lawson- (read bill aloud and changes)

Krueger- can we clarify if we are using vice president of senate or assistant pro tempore?
Blake Bjornson- Vice President of Senate and President of Senate

Krueger- a friendly amendment to change that wording then.

Townshend- then should the emails change then? asmsuapt and asmsupt?
Blake Bjornson- they cost money to make and there are many problems. But we are changing emails over to Google.

Haskell- we will make sure those names are changed throughout the documents?

Rogala- move to approve to have discussion?

Seconded by French
Steffens- I want to clarify how many senators are on the board?
French- we want to leave it open, but make sure there is still senate input.

Rogala- We currently have a Finance Board, and it is unclear to me if they are sworn in or something, and I think we need to discuss if we are kicking out the old members what we are to do.

Blake Bjornson- There is only one person I have sworn in for finance board, and senate hasn’t even approved it. I feel comfortable with starting over tomorrow and having applications and appointing and approving those members.

Krueger- Last year we accepted applications, and we marketed it. They were never brought to senate or sworn in. We should write a letter, instead of “firing” them and be respectful about it.

Duker- Would it be cleaner to do it at the end of the semester?

Bandstra- The whole point is for change right away and deal with it by letting them know they should feel free to apply and attach an applications.

Krueger- Most of the members were on the board before Pres. Bjornson.

Bjornson- I knew Finance Board was appointed every year. They have not come before senate before.

Rogala- Maybe we can discuss this afterwards to handle this well. I strongly encourage you to vote for it that being said.

Mains- if it is or is not passed then we will still figure out a way to change this?

Pres. Bjornson- part of this is making finance board exclusive to ASMSU subcommittees? I don’t think that was explicit here, but I think that was the point of this.

Rogala- point of information (read constitution) if someone wants to propose the addition.

Pres. Bjornson- if what you intend should happen we should probably change the constitution.

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New Business:

Supplemental Request- Films- projector

VPS Haskell- 8 yes 0 no and we decided that this is what the supplemental is for our committees, and 7,055 will be the projector and the rest is the cords. The grand total is split with the SUB.

Krueger- Move to approve.

Seconded by Steffens
Krueger- Finance board also thought it was a good idea because the SUB will be paying for the maintenance costs.

Townshend- does the Procrastinator have any net gain?

BM Jackson- That’s not really its purpose; it gains revenue but not enough to make a difference. But they are making a change in the marketing.

Townshend- I think we can use this to market the Pro as well.

Peck- It isn’t just used for the theater and can be rented out for other purposes and other community uses. It’s also going to be around for a long time.

VPS Haskell- that was discussed in Finance Board, ticket revenue is not that great. It is important for us to pressure them to market better.

BM Jackson- it’s not so much about making a profit or revenue, but getting them involved with ASMSU. She shows films that have to do with what’s happening on campus.

Floerchinger- Besides the price is there a metric for the lifetime?

Krueger- five to seven years.

Floerchinger- how long have we had this current one?

Haskell- what I understood is that it came from another hall, and it was a hand me down.

Townshend- what would this bring the supplemental fund down to?

BM Jackson- it’s in the email.

Bjornson- Although, it is important to make some profit, it is a service we offer not a business.

Steffens- we can’t expect them to do too much marketing when they only charge one dollar.

Floerchinger- Do they have a marketing line item in the budget?

BM Jackson- yes they do. Its $200.

Floerchinger- We should fix that during budgeting.

Peck- I don’t think more marketing is the issue, it just needs to be marketed better.

BM Jackson- the supplemental budget will be $29,848. Also I had a meeting with Fallon last week, and she is working with PR and the graphic designer.

VP Steffens- Ben Scott, the PR associate is changing that poster completely because it didn’t make a clear message.
Townshend- the supplemental as it is, we have to keep in mind that we are also going to discuss giving money to student activities RSO and we have to make this money last.

Krueger- tutorial funds and retirement funds?

Bjornson- The retirement fund will be taken out, and the tutorial wont be used.

Lake- is it shot to wait a year and do this or do we have to do this now?

Peck- some things you absolutely cannot read things or see things clearly, and I think it is a good idea and will affect a lot of people.

Floerchinger-this is an ASMSU committee and this is what student pay for and it should take precedent over all.

Townshend- Why wouldn’t this come out of capital?

Krueger- Capital request is anything over $500 and it is a one time deal so it should come out of the supplemental. It could come out of the capital request though.

Townshend- who will own this?

Peck- I believe just the SUB, or a dual ownership.

Kruger- there is an MOU somewhere for the use of the procrastinator. Merrandum of Understandment, and that we understand we share the space.

VP Steffens- we have an MOU when the pro was built and I have them. There are two. All it is that gets to use what and the cooperation.

Krueger- I’d like to make an amendment to the supplemental and make it a Capital request.

Mains- for Rocky Horror did they use this projector or?

Peck- They used a film projector for that but can’t be used for the digital copies.

Krueger- they are starting to show more digital films, and many companies stopped using film, and so she wants to preserve the film projector

Abeh- as a reminder, if there is a presentation, they won’t be able to use that projector anyway, and I just saw two presentations and most of it I could not make out.

Peck- anyone who runs the procrastinator in the future, there are small problems with the remote etc. there would be a lot of work for the new director to figure out how to work.

French- I move to amend to override finance board and move this request to capital from supplemental 19/1/0 (motion carries)
Abeh- point of order what are we discussing?

PS Lawson- the motion. All in favor?

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2011-B-11 RSO Funding Board (First Reading)

PS Lawson- (read aloud)

Rogala- if you have any suggestions or recommendations send me an email.

Admin Reports:

Pres. Bjornson- President’s Executive Council and we looked at how we are doing compared to other institutions. At university council which they approved a new mission statement.

Today I went to strategic planning committee. And we will be conducting five different listening sessions on the plan.

VP Steffens- next week during Veterans’ Day, in the Pro they will be saying the names of the fallen soldiers over seas.

French- Is this all the soldiers who died from Montana?

Bandstra- every soldier who has died since the Gulf Wars, at all not just Montana.

VP Steffens- there is also a dodge ball tournament coming up, if you are interested let me know.

Krueger- when?

VP Steffens- 10-1. And please vote on November 8th. And at the Hoseaus Fitness Center room was settled this week, and it will be a shared usage for the physical activity course and other things as well as HHD.

Murakami- is that just educational classes?

VP Steffens- that is up to who decides it. December 9th tickets are up for sale. Also NACA conference is going on right now with ASMSU representation and they will present in the near future. The exponent just released a new Rocky Horror.

McLaughlin- students who take less than 7 credits who doesn’t pay the fitness center fee,

Krueger – I made a note for that they will have to pay the fee to enter the fitness center.

PS LAWSON- student leader networking lunch from 11-1pm is next Thursday, the deadline passed but they are extending it for ASMSU and contact Kiah Abbey. It’s for the leaders and organizations of MSU.
Bernard- also the organizations that are having trouble with managing and each will have a table and a breakout session to bring in new knowledge.

Marsh- this would be great if you could go to bring awareness to our organization.

PS Lawson- there is coffee from 7:30-9am every Thursday at the leaf and bean in accordance to the mayoral candidate forum. And soon I will be sending out an absence sheet so you know how many absences you have and excuse absences. As far as sickness goes, I want to get a policy going, and I want you to get a doctors note from student services so that it is excused. As far as informing you about what’s coming up, and we had a fairly long discussion on the projector, and I was wondering if you needed more information, or that it hadn’t been sent out recently?

APS Haskell- it’s great that you are all really active in what’s going on. Sen. Lake and I met with Erich Dietrich with the exponent this morning and we will begin forming a proposal for exponent becoming a dollar committee. The Wreckless Bike Committee happened Wednesday, and we will be meting with outdoor rec and sustainability about making a bike program and maybe bike rentals. For the operations committee, I think you should clarify in the near future the difference between capital and supplemental. I talked with Phyllis about the website, and I know awareness is working on that. 16 days until Cat/Griz.

Steffens- Weber state game this weekend.

APS Haskell- tickets go on sale the 14th, and students who have gone to every game

PS Lawson- you get wristbands on the field but you need your tickets.

Karimian- an anonymous donor for?

Murakami- $500,000 by an anonymous donor for lights for night games. And they will be up for Cat/Griz.

Bernard- I was talking with Matt Caires, and we were talking about creating a new position in sustainability.

The intent is not for night games but for players to practice and not interfere with their classes.

BM Jackson- remaining supplemental and capital changes will be emailed. I had meetings with program directors and where they are going with their finances. If you want any information let me know.

Duker-are they programs or committees?

BM Jackson- programs.

**Senate Reports:**

Murakami- Sub Pub meeting is 12-1pm and I met with Ryan Lalum he will let us know when he sells his extra equipment.
Duker: I met with KGLT yesterday and got a tour, and we give them $35,000 every fiscal year and the space. The problem is that we don’t utilize them very much as ASMSU. And I think we should use it better. They are getting ready for their fundraiser I will bring details. Awareness might want to meet with Ellen as well. And I asked her if she would want to give a presentation in senate and we will work on that.

Lake: I met with Core 2.0 group, and I’d love to hear your thoughts on if Core is effective because they are thinking about making changes. The Veterans 10k run is next weekend.

Bandstra: I am making t shirts for those of you who will be helping so that everyone knows who you are.

Lake: the 10k is put on by the veterans but it supports haven which is an organization against domestic violence.

Townshend: I sent a Doodle about setting up a meeting to begin the constitution revision.

Combs: the fitness courses committee met with David Singles this week and we are trying to figure out a budget for this.

Marsh: thank you for coming to the town hall meeting yesterday, and it helped the awareness committee. We will be meeting next Thursday at 5 in the office. We broke it down into physical advertising and web advertising. We will be working with University communications and also revamping our webpage.

Bernard: we discussed Reid Hall, and they are making a new building for the business dept. and redo this building in entirety. And we voted on the tier for the medium sized classes.

Krueger: I sat on the university undergrad studies committee and any new class that comes through the system, we went through four classes and Gallatin Community College, with a new two year program for the general courses. A new film class.

McLaughlin: we met with Cassidy Medicine Horse, and others for gender liminality and further action.

Announcements:

Kolar: if you can take one of the sheets that would be great. Also if you are interested in the dodge ball tournament and a costume contest associated with that.

Bandstra: US 101 is looking for peer leaders. We need 6 or 7 leaders. You don’t have to have previously taken the class.

Bernard: I never took us 101 and it is very do-able.

Adjourn Meeting:

Kolar move to adjourn
Seconded by Sen. Townshend.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm