ASMSU Senate Meeting Minutes for October 13, 2011

Meeting called to order at 6:04pm

Roll Call

French- Move to approve October 6th minutes.

Seconded by Rogala

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Public Comment:

Sidney- Student Town Hall meeting next Thursday in the ballrooms to see what students want at MSU. Its important to know what students what on campus. It would be great if you could come to the meeting to ask questions of students and be there to answer questions

SVP Krueger - I talked to the President’s Office and we are going to team up with them. I will be meeting with them tomorrow about marketing and pr to get a lot of student there. We would love you to come.

French- should we prepare questions or are you preparing questions?

Sydney- form your own questions but I’m also thinking of some.

SVP Krueger- it’s how students want to see the next 5 years. We want this to be a real town hall type meeting.

Pres. Bjornson- we have a great set of guidelines and core themes. There are certain objections under the core themes. And we are trying to select which are most important which would be great to have students input on that, look them up online and it’s a good place to start.

Sydney - Pres. Cruzado sent an email to all students’ emails with that link.

Matt Caires- I appreciate Sydney planning this. The strategic planning group is of 40 individuals and she and Blake are the only students on this board, so her input and student input to her is very important.

Sydney- you know what you want to see at MSU and I would like to bring that plan to them.

Jon Stiles- Campus Entertainment would like to be involved with the student feedback as well.

Murakami- what time is that tomorrow?

Krueger- we are still setting that up.
Theresa Borrenpohl- I used to be ASMSU president. I served as student regent last year, and now I’m on the search committee for the commissioner of higher education. We are trying to discover what is important to students. We will be soliciting candidates in November, and we are trying to figure out the qualities … thank you so much for taking your roles so seriously. You look great.

Chad Dawson- I’m working with Chelsea Schmidt with Pure Gold. It’s a new committee that Pres. Cruzado is very excited about. There will be students each week that will be selected. We have a website to nominate faculty and students. Anyone that stands out, a picture is very helpful. I want to integrate this more with ASMSU to get more nominations, and to get more recognition to students.

PRESENTATIONS:

Stacey Ray- Arts & Exhibits

I am Arts and Exhibits committee director for the fourth year. I love my job and being involved at MSU. I am very passionate about what I’m doing. Most of our work is with the Exit Gallery. (Slideshow presentation of Exit Gallery, Creative Cats Newsletter, and Arts & Exhibits)

Rogala- when do you finalize next semester’s exhibits?

Stacey- we do it mostly last minute, we put out the call, and applications are due December 14th. Artists need a lot of time to put their work together and prepare.

Ryan Lalum- Productions

Today I’m here to let you know what we do, the shows we have done in the past and in the future. (Slideshow presentation on Productions)

Bernard- did you have involvement with the Maya Angelou event?

Ryan- No they hired out for that.

Floerchinger Proxy-(Adel Nehmeh)- Can any student club use this?

Ryan- I have three different prices for ASMSU, Student Activities, and outside sources?

Rogala- is there any equipment that you don’t think will sell?

Ryan- yes, and I will also be selling a lot to local production companies and Rec. Sports.

Adel Nehmeh- what is the estimated revenue?

Ryan- I just want to get fair prices.

Bandstra- you said you haven’t used the equipment in that house and the house?
Ryan- yeah, its pretty useless to me.

Marsh- where will this revenue go to?

Ryan- we can spend it on whatever. You will also see it in budgeting to decide what to do for it.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Swear in New Senator- Abbie Bandstra by President Blake Bjornson

New Hire- Mario Stanislao

Pres. Blake Bjornson- we had a selection committee, and we had many applicants, and had three candidates. We selected Stanislao, which you now need to approve.

Mario Stanislao- I’m Mario Stanislao I just transferred here from Northern University in South Dakota. I want to really increase attendance at MSU to our events.

Rogala- what do you study?

Mario- Engineering

Pres. Blake Bjornson- I will pass around the application for this approval.

VPS Krueger- move to approve

Seconded by senator French

Haskell- I will be abstaining from this vote.

Adel Nehmeh- can I address a question to Mario? Did you change your major after the application?

Mario- yes

Lake- previous experience?

Mario- yes I worked with productions at my last university.

Abeh- will the application be present during voting?

VPS Krueger- Point of information, President Bjornson and Jon Stiles, you need to be recognized to address the Senate.
19/0/1 (Haskell abstains)

PS Lawson- motion caries

2011-B-09 First Reading – Associated Student Lobbyist

PS Lawson reads aloud.

Townshend- this is the first bill I’m sponsoring. I met with Brian Stadheim. We want to give the lobbyist more research time and be more prepared for the legislative session in the spring.

ADMIN REPORTS:

Pres. Blake Bjornson - Thank you for the wonderful and productive retreat. I look forward to hearing from the heads of the subcommittees we made, please send your timelines tomorrow. Town hall meeting, put it in your calendar. 24th at 5-7pm a joint meeting with City Commission.

The issue the senate voted on for the R and R fund that we voted on, the original plan included a room adjacent to the room now, but the problem is that it is one of the highest used rooms on campus and in control of the Registrar’s Office. So it was determined it was a bad idea to take that room away, and the room instead will be taken from math tutors, it will be more of a center after these changes, instead of split offices and study center.

Bandstra - Will that shorten the windows?

Bjornson- The windows will still happen.

Abeh- is the City Commission meeting mandatory?

Bjornson- not mandatory, but very important to be there.

Haskell- what is that room used for? It seems weird that this wasn’t thought of before.

Bjornson- It’s a classroom.

VP Joey Steffens- The town hall meeting is very important to attend. We need senators there you need to honor your position to be there. Flu shots are 12 dollars at student health services. ASMSU has a soccer team in intramurals we have another game on Monday at 5pm. Bobcat Growl is at Friday 9pm please attend that.

Marsh- what is that?
VP Steffens- it’s a pep rally of the students the night before our home game with music and cheering at Spirit (the bobcat statue). Thanks for putting up your office hours, please meeting with your deans. This is very important and will be a great experience.

BM Lauren Jackson- (Presentation on the Accounts at ASMSU- Student ASMSU fee, Classified appropriations, Dollar Programs, other accounts, Supplemental (up to date), Reserve account)

Haskell- can you explain the capital fund and its difference with supplemental?

Jackson- it’s for over $5000 and something that will last for a long time, more than a onetime purchase.

Haskell- how is it decided?

Pres. Bjornson- the minimum limit is outlined in the bylaws. Has to do with cost and length of time as well as other criteria.

Haskell- Such as the Sustainability remodel? Does that fit the Capital fund?

President Bjornson- it’s more like equipment.

Jackson- it’s not a capital fund.

Townshend- does the reserve include retirement?

Jackson- No, it does not, those numbers are subtracted out for us by Montana Hall.

Pres. Bjornson- its not just ASMSU purchases, the admin. fee is for anything Montana Hall has to handle. Last year we budgeted $35,000 for a retirement fund which we found out is already taken out, so we are working on why we previously did that, I feel we will have an extra $35,000 available in awhile

Rogala- point of information- (read bylaw of capital request)

PS Jenny Lawson- I’d like too apologize for the bumps in this meeting, I will be sending emails starting tomorrow about next weeks meeting which will be very important. Thank you for meeting with me and posting your office hours. If you have not sent in your bio, please get that in now. Next week, Derrick and I can hopefully look into tabling in the sub next week. And hopefully I can provide that information for you next week.

VPS Derrick Krueger- This week at finance board we tabled the supplemental for the projector for the procrastinator. There are a few senators on the finance subcommittee, and they met with finance board this week, which was greatly appreciated. We made an executive decision Monday to table all supplemental requests outside of ASMSU.
SENATE REPORTS:

Rogala- CSAC is the sustainability advisory council. We have a lot going on and projects to do. There is a project underway to have geothermal energy for some buildings. Also the lobbyist position change; we will be going through that again this week. We would love your input early before next senate meeting, to square things up. The Senate Operations Subcommittee will hopefully have a proposal for supplemental overhaul and finance board.

Peck- I met with Falon who is coming to present next week, senators get to the Procrastinator for free.

Murakami- the fitness courses subcommittee is underway.

Karimian- Phyllis suggested that I suggest to senate that we put an ineffective date to our bills, possibly a by law change?

Pres. Bjornson- on the bills? Top right.

Mclaughlin- I met with PR the other day, but we were talking about the Facebook page, please “like” the page. We would like suggestions,

Lake- Lauren and I met with Dean of Students this morning, there is an Advisory Committee that has been meeting about the advising for students. Also I am interested in making a connection with the Veteran Services on campus. If you are interested in the advisory committee please meet with me.

Marsh- I am meeting with matt tomorrow about the student government history presentation. We also ha a number of goals and possibly make it a committee, please let me know if you are interested.

Haskell- Hannah and I met with a Director of University Studies.

Bernard- I am working with a group of senators to get more general one credit classes, the fitness courses and I am in contact with UM’s development of that.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Pres. Bjornson- please attend the football game on Saturday.

Marsh- at the retreat Matt Caires talked about the Cat/Griz invitation for?

PS Lawson- Chair recognizes Senate Secretary Clark.

SS Dani Clark- I was asking for addresses because you will be receiving an invitation from the President’s Office regarding the Flag unveiling during the Cat/Griz game. If you
did not give me your address, then you will not receive the invitation and you do not need to notify anyone else.

Mclaughlin- At the Voice Center, it is Speak Out Awareness Month and we will be having a lot of events this month.

Abeh- I met with my dean today, and I was offered an office space in Linfield, and I wondered if I could do my office hours there as well, and to suggest that to other senators to look into that.

Chad Dawson- Pam Frazer last year, had her office hours in family and graduate housing as well.

VPS Krueger- move to adjourn

Seconded by Townshend

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Meeting Adjourned at 7:16pm