ASMSU Senate Meeting Minutes for October 27, 2011

Meeting called to order at 6:08pm

Roll Call:

Review Previous Meeting’s Minutes:

Rogala- Move to approve minutes from October 20th.

Marsh- Second

McLaughlin- I do not remember anyone saying “Brian Murakami loves Jason Derulo.”

Marsh- I do not recall Sen. French saying

Bernard- Did not second to adjourn

Rogala- suggestions for corrections

Lawson- approve the minutes as corrected

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Public Comment:

John Stiles- Campus Entertainment Director- 3oh!3 will be the main act on December 9th. Also the reason we will not be having the other act is because there was an inside source from ASMSU who had been talking to the radio

Murakami- will that be an issue in the future or?

John- I don’t know who it is and I don’t care who it is, but we need to remember that whatever information is told in the office is to be kept confidential until contracts are signed.

Luke Howard- I’m a political science major and a freshman and I’m trying to start a debate team. I have a lot of people interested and I talked to the honors board who is interested in funding it. The most crucial part is spreading the word. I have everything done and a faculty advisor. As soon as I have your support I will finish things up and get it going. I have also been talking to other coaches from other schools.

Lake- what do you want us to do?

Luke- I was hoping for financial support, but anything would be greatly appreciated; and if any of you are interested I have information here.

Rogala- it would be interesting to have an ASMSU debate and hold a forum for a student issue on campus. I don’t know what we can do because of policies besides word of mouth but that’s an idea.

Stephens- when do you hope to start competing?
Luke- I want to have people doing research and composing work starting next week but at least by the first of December.

Duker- Are you aware of the ethics forum on campus?

Luke- This is a different style, and its more policy based. And if we can keep enough support we can expand.

**Presentations:**

**Bethany Cordell- Public Relations**

(Presentation of current projects) We are very busy and there are lots of committees that need PR. We revamped the Bobcat Buzz- with student organizations and the senate section. (Posters and designs of events) We are also preparing for the fall concert of 3oh!3. We are also working with Arts and Exhibits in many areas, and increasing Senate awareness.

**Erich Dietrich- Exponent**

Everyone has seen the proposal I have put together? I am the editor of the exponent for the second year in a row. I am here to talk about something that is vital for our paper’s future. We need to lay the groundwork for long term success. We have a great staff of 50 people and growing. We were named for our work last year in the 2011 Associated Collegiate Press Pacemaker Competition, which is great because we don’t have a journalism program at this university. We are an essential apparatus of democracy at our university, as well as a bit of entertainment for the students. We want to ensure our freedom of the press, although we are open to suggestions. We have an impressive senate this year, and we have always had a good relationship this year. In terms of budget though, with our budget under you, it is a conflict of interest for us. The Exponent has a need for increased institutional support. We don’t have an advising.

We want to allocate student money in a way that is optimal. We also want to keep conflict of interest at a minimum with our student government, you all. We are limited currently to one advisor which is not filled at the moment. And there is almost no managing in the business dept. Print advertising revenue is very low in today’s media, which is why we have been so dependent on the subsidy of student funds though ASMSU.

What I think we should do is form a Media Board with many different people and professionals on it. And reallocated the general ASMSU activity fee to create an exponent specific fee and make the exponent a dollar committee. As well as make a reserve account for the exponent.

Floerchinger- have you ever felt that problems have happened before?
Erich- a few years ago, we had a problem with a senator on how we approached the story. And I want to avoid this in the future. I want to be in a better place five years from now. It is a potential risk that is avoidable.

VPS Krueger- Is the plan set in stone? What is the reasoning behind the dean of students on the advisory board?

Erich- Matt is a fantastic guy, and I think it would be great to have formal representation from the admin of MSU.

Krueger- I'm hesitant of it getting thrown off to the side. And the two ASMSU senators?

Erich- I think it is vital to have two elected officials on the board elected by the students. I am hoping to work with a group of senators to refine this as well.

Lake- The four to five professionals of community members. Would they be paid?

Erich- Hoping for volunteers. As far as moving forward with this, I would encourage your support to start the media board and reaching out to the community to get it operating by the end of the semester. So they can also help hire the new editor in chief. I also want a work board to discuss the fee level and also some input.

Haskell- what you are looking for right now is senators to come talk to you?

Erich- I would like a formal approval to form a media board.

Lake- I will be heading the discussions for these changes as liaison.

Steffens- if changing it to a dollar committee, who holds the Exponent accountable for what they write?

Erich- the student body—if I were to allow something to go to print that is inappropriate. The MSU constitution has an operations board outline but there is not one.

Abeh- what would you deem as inappropriate attaining to Senate?

Erich- We are accountable to the ethics of the journalistic profession. As part of my job I am responsible for content, and I am also responsible for making sure we operate independently of influence. I am more than happy to talk to anyone about content after publishing.

Lake- we need to look at it in the bigger picture, as if the national government was in control of our media. It is a big conflict of interest.

Marsh- Discussion of appropriate level for exponent student fee?

Erich- it's outlined much better in the exponent proposal that is printed. It will be like the sustainability fee, it's a net zero change.
Marsh- who will oversee that fee in the future. If you aren’t the editor in chief anymore who will be in charge?

Erich- The media board could oversee it and I see the fee as staying constant

VP Steffens- any fee increase has to be approved and voted by all students.

VPS Krueger- direct response- There is also a two percent increase every other year that would account for that as well.

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

VPS Krueger- I am resigning tonight. I have had a lot of fun in this position and whoever takes over I hope will enjoy it as well. Thank you for letting me be your VP.

Lawson- At this point we will be appointing a new VP. We will take nominations at this time.

Rogala- Sen. Lake (approved)

Floerchinger- Sen. French (approved)

Karimian- Sen. Abeh (approved)

Combs- Sen. Haskell (approved)

Lawson- At this point we will formulate four or five questions for the nominees.

Karimian- Seeing how the year has gone are there any changes you would like to make to the senate?

Combs- What is your experience with budgeting?

Bernard- What is your level of experience in campus government?

Peck- I think wording could change? Student government?

Kruger- These are all young senators, and so this is the first work with campus government.

Bandstra- how will you make new time for this position now that the semester is well under way?

Duker- Why would you like to become vice president of senate?

Rogala- Add to the budgeting question. Do you feel comfortable taking a leadership role on finance board?

Steffens- What is Sen. Bernard’s question?
Bernard- what is your level of experience in student government?

Krueger- I don’t think we will get very good answers for that question.

McLaughlin- are we changing Sen. Bernard’s question or what?

Rogala- I don’t think we need a formal vote on it; the president of senate can make a final decision.

Lawson- we can remove Sen. Bernard’s question.

(clarification of questions)

1. - Seeing how the year has gone are there any changes you would like to make to the senate? (Karimian)
2. - What is your experience with budgeting and do you feel comfortable taking a leadership role on finance board? (Combs)
3. - how will you make new time for this position now that the semester is well under way? (Bandstra)
4. Why would you like to become vice president of senate? (Duker)

Senator Lake- I am Lana Lake. I feel the questions will be most helpful.

Karimian question- I think PS Lawson has done well so far with communication, I would make steps to continue that. And also further connections with faculty.

Combs- I feel comfortable. I worked with RHA in the exec staff for that, also I am in ROTC and I am the special projects officer for that and I work on a budget for that. In high school I was student body president, so on a smaller scale I have that experience.

Bandstra- I have considered this extensively. The time commitment would not be a problem, this is not something I would run for if I did not have the time.

Duker- I thought about this a lot. As leaders, we settle sometimes, and we learn what it is to be a leader, and that’s great. I love student government, I am a poli sci major and so this is what I want to do and I have enjoyed my time here in the senate.

Lake- I think the senate is a great organization I think I would do well in this position and working with the admin of ASMSU. Thank you derrick for being a great VP as well.

Senator Abeh- my name is Rachel Abeh. I am senator of Ag. I think I would do well. I don’t have a ton of experience with finance on a large scale but I have done this on a small scale and I think that derrick would really help me learn and grow in this position as well.
Karimian- I think the biggest change is already in the works. Lauren and Dani are working on awareness of ASMSU. Our constituents need to know that students need to come to us. We need to promote ourselves for our advantage and our University's advantage. I think we are doing a great job so far but there is always room for growth. I think we are a great group.

Combs- I feel comfortable in taking the role on finance board. I have had experience on a smaller scale in other organizations with a treasury and funds. I think we need to understand the funds available, not necessarily the scale.

Bandstra- new time for this position, I have a lot going on and classes. This requires a lot of time and equipment. Many of you might have a concern that I am already involved in many other things, makes me well rounded and knowing many .... On campus. I feel this is an advantage. I am willing to cut out what I have to fulfill this position and do it to the fullest. I am making to changes.

Duker- I am growing passionate about senate, and I want to be in this position because I feel I am qualified and I would like to follow in derricks footsteps and get another spectrum of what we do with ASMSU. I would be a good individual because of my drive and articulate what I am trying to get across. I would also represent all of you and feel passionate about

Abeh- I am excited for this position. I hope you take me into consideration. Thank you

Senator Haskell- I am Dillon Haskell. I am from Park City, Montana. Captain of football and basketball. I am a sophomore in University Studies representing with Hannah mains. I am also recruitment chairman of sigma chi fraternity. I have been involved with ASMSU since last spring.

Karimian- This year has been fantastic I appreciate the involvement we from the senate. I love seeing the projects we have going on the board. I want to make sure we are going through with it.

Combs- As far as finance board goes, I have sat in on a few meetings. I wrote a proposal for restructuring myself. I am also considering majoring in business finance as well. I am comfortable with the position.

Bandstra- I am in the office quite often between classes. I am at fourteen credits right now. I can make the shift of when I do homework and where.

Duker- I love ASMSU. I came into it as a freshman and I as I got to know the ropes. This isn’t student council we are doing real things, and we take the steps to accomplish big things. And we change that. I am very excited to have that potential to make the change as a senator. There are great things to be done with student government. Being vice president would bring that excitement to you as well. We need to keep the excitement going.

Haskell- I am excited about this and I want this position. I have the time to do this and make the position successful. Derrick has done a great job and I am excited to learn from him and work with jenny. I want us to go places.
Senator French- I am Charles French – have served on senate since the past spring. I have enjoyed this so far. I am double majoring in mechanical engineering and political science. I am getting to know the interworkings of ASMSU.

Karimian- Not specifically. I appreciate how Sen. Lawson runs the meeting because of our time is valuable. I can tell the process is being made in the committees. I look forward to continuing processes.

Combs- I was involved as finance chair in the local 4h club at home. That was two years. I have to keep my personal finances in board as a student. I look forward to ...

Bandstra- as I considered previously, I would withdraw from a class which would open up more time. I would treat this as a job as a stipend position. It is the real world and I want to make a positive impact on the student body and senate.

Duker- I would like to head finance board... I think I have had the prior experience with senate; I will have a more seamless position than others.

French- I look forward to this position but also no matter what make a difference in the senate and will seek future positions.

Lawson- discussion?

Bernard- I think having the ample time to do this is important. Haskell really is excited about student government.

Bandstra- I have a concern about Senator French dropping a class for this position. I think that is a great concern and I would feel bad if he had to do that.


Lawson- vote your two top candidates and we will revote after we have the top two.

Lake- 7

Abeh- 5

Haskell- 15

French- 3

Lawson- your top choices we lake and Haskell please choose from those two. No talking for dump truck voting.

Lake-5

Haskell-12
Lawson- please bring the candidates in. and if all nominees could please come to the front. I thank all of you for providing your time for the senate and this big responsibility. Congratulations Senator Haskell you are the new VPS.

Lawson- we will now move into the supplemental request from Brian Vadheim. This is for the student lobbyist extended position for $1400.

Krueger- Finance Board unanimously voted yes for this. They think it is a great use of our money and receive a lot from this. This is just for the semester, and maybe another supplemental for summer work. Finance board thinks this should be carried through to summer.

VP Steffens- what was the vote?

Krueger- 7-0

Rogala- move to approve.

Seconded by Senator Townshend

Murakami- I think this is a great idea and giving this position a better background.

Rogala- I agree we voted on a bill last week. Something we need to be aware of that we will have to work on this more with the budgeting process it will not always be a supplemental.

Lawson- move to a vote.

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2011-B-10 Finance board FIRST READING

Lawson- (reads the bill with changes aloud)

Rogala- this is the first formulation of the bill. If you have any changes you want to make please come talk to us in the finance board subcommittee, as apposed to making changes in the senate meeting next week.

Murakami- how do senators get elected in this?

Townshend- it is in the Constitution

Duker- we can discuss this further outside of Senate as a Whole.

Lawson- please make the changes by 5pm Tuesday.
Admin Reports:

Pres. Bjornson- absent

VP Steffens- I want to commend senator Krueger on the work he has done it has been an honor working with you and congrats to senator Haskell on receiving the position. CE Director Stiles talked about the radio problem. I hope you all know what to say and when to say it and when not to say it. You are given a lot of information and know what to do with it. It was inappropriate to say anything in this time. We also discussed holds for tickets for this concert. We want to give you tickets

John stiles- by midnight tonight we have to have a hold list to comp tickets to for ASNSY. We need a head count tonight.

VP Steffens- a major goal for Blake and I is to bridge the cap between the campus and the community. Many of you were at the Bozeman city commission. People in the community are watching you guys and they have a lot of respect for us.

Steffens- when are the meetings? And are they inviting us back?

VP Steffens- you can always attend and we will hope to have another joint meeting. We discussed streamline, housing, parking. Which also turned to a debate. Parking in order to divert drunk driving in town and easing punishments on cars that are parked overnight. This is a multifaceted issue. Possibly tickets being sold in bars for parking. Its not a trivial solution by any means with snow cleaning etc.

Murakami- they put it on the news the next night.

VP Steffens- Mayor Krause really want s to work with us.

Townshend- Tuesday night at 6:30 is the mixer with candidates and at 7pm will be the forum of Mayoral candidates.

VP Steffens – I will be representing the ASMSU at this meeting.

Dean of Students Matt Caires- yes or no do you support recycling glass in the community.

Krueger- the machine in Livingston is so expensive.

Dean Caires- what will you do to advance recycling glass in the community?

Townshend- a question centered on the student interaction with the commission because we are a big

Haskell- how can the city council and community relate to the students?

VP Steffens- I was thinking to ask why should I vote for you?

Bernard- how would you champion student interest in our community?
VP Steffens- soccer is Monday night at 5pm for the championship. Halloween party Saturday night which ASMS sponsors. The global culture club puts it on. Town hall meeting is next Wednesday at 7pm, please attend. It will be a great night. In the sub.

Abel- can you leave early?

VP Steffens- yes if you need to. Tonight at 9pm I have a conference call with other presidents of associated students of Montana universities.

BM Jackson- absent

PS Lawson- everyone needs to read the minutes. In all seriousness, we are trying to be more transparent in what we do. The minutes are set in stone, whatever you approve is set in stone whether or not correct. Arts and exhibits, I met with Stacey Ray and the library this morning. They will start putting up student art on the carpeted walls in the library starting soon, and potentially more space as things go along. I will forward you information about the iris gardens information by Danforth Chapel a few years ago ASMSU promised $10,000 for changes. This was already budgeted for so nothing to worry about. Also I have begun one on ones again. Time wise, there is a lot of good stuff that was started on the retreat. All the groups need to be doing that. Keep working on your timelines and keep pressing forward. We don’t want it to fizzle out. The purpose to keep the presentations shorter is to have more time to work on new items every week. Does everyone have the door code? Just talk to someone.

VPS Haskell- thank you Derrick for what you have done. We just had the advising meeting, and they want us to like their Facebook page as well. At 6pm this next weekend is the bike safety committee meeting.

Rogala- is there any possibility of the idea of an old policy of not having bikes on campus?

Haskell- absolutely not, we want to avoid that at all costs.

Lake- we met with Matt Caires. We want to send a positive message from the students to the students. A bike awareness week, a funny video to raise awareness of the situation.

Bernard- the next meeting?

Haskell- 6pm on Wednesday before the Town hall meeting.

Murakami- where?

Haskell- ASMSU office

**Senate Reports:**

Krueger- Finance Board this week we tabled the request for the projector. There was a lot of talk on a possibility of an HD projector, but that is 55,000 and so we will stick to the same projector. Also this
week, with rec sports and fitness we met with the associate provost Ron Larsen, and rec sports and fitness we are also meeting with the University Studies associated provost and we are thinking of where to put it. We are under the consensus of that HHD does not want the program. It the rec sports and fitness advisory committee there is a concert in the field house that night and a basketball game as well. But that will be in Shroyer. But intramurals is very important and will be missing out on that time. It is the students’ space and the students’ time. It happened on accident and I don’t want athletics to think they have priority over other students.

Duker- Townshend and I met with the LI employees and directors. The speakers for next semester were discussed and also movies for next semester. They also came up with a mission statement for the LI for the next few years.

Townshend- the mission statement is still in the works though. It was a great opportunity.

Bernard- none of the speakers are set in stone, and we are still doing contract deals.

Murakami- I met with the Missoula campus and learned more about their classes, and we are really going forward with this.

Lake- we met with student accounts and we are working on a receipt for students to see. A reminder of the exponent please see me for questions. Please confirm you can indeed volunteer for the veterans day run- November 11th. Many of you will work at the stations along the way.

Bernard- are we going to have ASMSU stuff to wear for representation.

Lake- senator Bandstra was making t-shirts.

Floerchinger- rec sports and fitness meeting. The water bottle filler machines will be put in at the rec center. And they are going to reinforce the floors for the

Bandstra- they want that vacant space to be very functional to everyone and not just for one group. We will have an ASMSU team for REREV Green Week to see how much time we can put on the machines.

Townshend- I would like to thank everyone for coming to the student needs and advising meeting, please direct your questions to me. The last big meeting for the task force is from 2-4pm on November 1st. please talk to me if you can make that. It would be great if you can add to the perspective of this. The candidates forum next Tuesday please come.

Combs- this week I met with spirit committee and they are finishing last minute homecoming details and getting ready for cat/griz. The blood drive and can the griz. Also, I am on the facilities advisory committee, which is ad hoc and they were unsure about the senator liaison and they will vote to reinstate this. But their meetings are when I have class, Thursdays at 11am. I would like someone else to fill in the position. I want to assure them there is a senator willing to do this.

Marsh- Sen Abeh and I met with Street Team. They are working with arts and exhibits and promoting the big concert. We also had a very productive meeting for awareness committee. We want more
involvement from senators though. We don’t want a huge event, but getting our name out on every activity that is of quality.

Rogala- finance board bill tonight I hope to hear more input. The second issue is the supplemental request. After a lot of input from SOS committee is to give an amount of money to the ROS committee and reinstate the biweekly meeting of finance board. This would also eliminate the student activities already has the metrics for requests from student groups. We want to strengthen the ROS funding board committee.

Townshend- this year it would be a supplemental. And a few years down the line change the fee.

Duker- we haven’t decided how much we were going to give from our budget.

Rogala- not yet, but we will decide and then form a supplemental for the ROS.

Bernard- I met with CE and John Stiles would like to gage senate’s thoughts of a meet and great and press conference before the big concert.

Marsh- Kiah Abbey is working on a Leaders Luncheon, which will be Thursday November 10th at 12:45pm. I would love if senate could have a presence there.

French- I spoke with Erich Dietrich before the meeting and I have some recommendations to make for the changes in the exponent.

Announcements:

Rogala- our own Erich Dietrich is presenting for the A to Z series. He will talk about the Dilemma of Democratic Discussion. Which is what we do, and it will be a great discussion and applicable to senate. Next Tuesday at 1pm.

Steffens- I commend our administration for setting up the meeting with the joint meeting of City Commission.

Karimian- Channel 20 at 11am tomorrow.

Bernard- I was also in Missoula over the weekend and went to a Missoula Tae Kwon Do tournament. And I didn’t meet with who I needed to but that was great that Sen. Murakami met with them.

Peck- The play is this weekend at 7:30 on Friday.

VPS Haskell- Cats have a football game this Saturday.

Abeh- Ag. Appreciation Weekend. If you are interested in economics there are Ag. economists from 9:30 to 12:30 tomorrow. Rondy Young will be speaking as well. If you are interested in what’s going on in the State then I encourage you to go to that.
Murakami-If you are in a club or organization—my fraternity runs the recycling program at the games, and you would receive volunteering hours for this if you are interested.

Duker- If any of you like to sing, and we will be singing happy birthday for the King James Bible as a cultural historical event for English speaking society. There is a meeting tomorrow.

Steffens- please send me an email.

Karimian- please be safe and have fun this weekend.

**Adjourn Meeting:**

McLaughlin- move to adjourn.

Seconded by Townshend

**Meeting adjourned at 8:26pm**