Meeting called to order at 6:05pm

Roll Call:

Review Previous Meeting’s Minutes:

Mohr- Move to approve April 21st minutes.

Seconded by Haskell

11/0/0

Chiapetta- move to approve September 8th minutes

Seconded by West

11/0/0

Public Comment:

Presentations:

Pres. Cruzado- Welcome back home- We missed you this summer. So many events and so much great news this fall at Montana State University. Here is a summary of things we have been working on. In terms of teaching, next week we will be confirming another new enrollment class. I think we will be breaking another important mark. Our numbers are telling us that many more students have chose MSU as their university choice. We have a more diverse student body, more Native Americans. More transfer students, and more veterans, and we just opened a wonderful new veteran center last week in this wonderful building. This is the type of university we wanted to build and we are building it together. In that new class of students, we will still have more Montana residents coming to Montana State University.

More research projects in the classrooms and fields. The dept of energy announced to us that they have given us a grant of 67 million dollars to continue expanding our goals of decreasing our carbon footprint and it will be matched by 18 million dollars by private companies. Last year, I told you we applied for the carnagie institution of excellence, and we made it. We were one of the good universities to apply for the …. Award of land grant universities. 4 universities, and we are one of them. And we will compete for the final award. The other universities are University of Tennessee-Knoxville, Penn State, and Michigan State. The project that enabled us to be apart of this exclusive group is Engineers without Borders. They have a video coming soon that I hope you all will see. This project is student led, not only engineers, and they have been deciding and making pipelines for 58 schools in Kenya to have clean water. They will be
showcasing this video to all universities in the United States in San Francisco and show how
great MSU really is.

And this is another great group. Last year we had a student as the student regent, and this year
we did it again with Joe Thiel as the new student regent.

Last Wednesday was a wonderful convocation ceremony, over 4000 students at the Fieldhouse.
And last Friday was the dedication of our new stadium. Over 3000 people in attendance. On
Saturday a great victory against UC Davis. Our new stadium has a capacity of 17,700. And we
had over 18,000 people at the game. Tuesday, over 4000 people at the event sponsored by the LI,
Dr. Maya Angelou. None of it could be done without you.

If you haven’t been watching how Blake has been representing you at the university council, and
he just asked me if he could be a part of the presidents council. And now he is a part of that great
council. The tobacco free resolution was completely student led, your vote completely led to a
unanimous vote to pass this resolution. Freedom of Speech resolution, and they consulted with
many student groups and we passed it at the university council. I think you need to be very proud
about the changes made at MSU.

Last year this time, we started proposing a nearly impossible stadium change. And we made it
and with the promise I made to you, student fees would not be raised. We have exciting projects
coming this year.

$15 million fund for renovations for the residence halls. In Langford, Hapner and a new building.
We started making new changes for a better environment to be student centered. Students first.

(Video of the making of the bobcat stadium renovation)

**UFPB- Student Fee R&R Fund**

Thiel- I am the ASMSU representative on the board, and basically anything that changes how the
campus looks goes through this. What we want to do next is improve the Wilson Writing Center.
And since it is with student funds it needs student approval.

--- I’d like to thank Blake and Joe to get students to come to meetings and be representative of
the students. This group this year has been the most involved we have seen in a long time. The
academic building R & R Fee, is the fee the students pay that is used to enhance academic
buildings. We try to make it focus on what will directly affect students. Anything over 200,000
needs students support shown to the Regents’ Board.

Walt- (two hand outs) UFPB voted to approve the design concepts of the project, and supports
the use of the fund if ASMSU supports the use of the fund. The writing center currently occupies
108, 108a and 109, it’s about 1000 feet of space. 114-115 will be the new change, and 115 is a
registered class, and 114 is a math center but will have a new home. We would take the existing wall and open it up for visibility to be more inviting and natural light, and opening the wall on the exterior of the building. We want to open the building up. There would also be an office for the director. (Further explanation of the design and the handouts)

Roden-has any of the changes of the math center been brought up to the math center, and do they feel it will distract from them?

Walt- no they felt it was a great idea that won’t affect their operation.

Blake- Is there a timeline?

Walt- intent is to send it to the board of regents by November, and construct over next summer.

Mariani- what about operating budgets?

Walt- I cannot confirm that.

-- one of our long term goals is to increase tutors, and now we have a lot of plans to see the Writing Center grow, and this is the beginning of that process.

Blake- how do projects move up in the ladder of things you like to get done?

-Campus planning compiles lists of project needs, and we take them to the planning board, to be decided on. There are many lists taken into consideration to decide what needs to be done. We assimilate all the information and it goes to the UFPB to make the decision. It depends on how many projects are in the list.

Thiel- this particular fund is being used for the first time for this type of project. I don’t believe there is a specific plan for what they approve, but this is such a good project.

Mohr- some renovation would be great for the writing center. The exterior view of the building looks great and modernizes it.

Lawson- what are some reasons that made you think we needed a renovation? What is the goal?

Walt- the proposition came from the provost office and CLS offices. We started the estimate and gave it to them. It’s to make the environment more appealing and to increase student use.

--One of the things we are really excited about is to make the center more available and welcoming to students.

Roden- what is the feedback from the writing center in the library?

Walt- I haven’t gotten much feedback from them, but what I have gotten from the deans office is that students enjoy the open space.
AUXILLARY SERVICES

Tom Stump- my primary function is to oversee the food services etc. on campus. Next week we are going to the board of regents. We got feedback, and it was that our housing was beginning to look outdated. We put together a group of people to see what makes housing better for students now. We have a plan and began some work. This past year, we put in $3million in renovations in Langford and Hapner.

(Presentation of MSU Bozeman Series M Bond Request)

Tom Stump- I usually go to Interhall Association, and I proposed to them the 1% increase in tuition, and they supported that. We had a furniture fair this past spring, and the students picked the furniture, students picked the colors. Students have been heavily involved and will be continued to be involved.

Blake- the new north hedges suite will be similar to the other suites?

Tom- yes, but we want different building materials; the third sweet will have its own Residence Director, and laundry. It will be stand alone. Not dependent to north hedges. The suites are overbooked now as are all residence halls.

Krueger- what happens when we aren’t pushing record numbers anymore?

Laura- we thought we could swing the debt service, and we would have to stop updating some other things. This isn’t a very long period of time to pay for it. And we have extra plans.

Tom- as we looked at all this stuff, we thought about building a huge 400 bed process, but we wouldn’t be taking care of our other building which is also important. That’s why we settled on this smaller building. From our perspective, even if we drop down in a few years, we will not drop below where we are right now. We could dip a little bit, but still afford the renovations and the bonds.

Roden- the timing of the information, and raising in student fees? Before during or after construction? Students always want their money to be able to benefit them, not pay for things that will not affect them?

Laura- we will begin the work immediately of the smaller renovations, and the fee will be increase next fall.

Tom- the new suite needs more work we are looking for an architect etc.

Thiel- this project comes from Auxiliary Services only? Is some of it state revenue?
Laura- No we are very careful with the pledge money, we are careful from using other pledge money. We are not going to need to swap sources

Haskell- if there is another rapid increase in student enrollment what will you do?

Tom- last year, we scrambled looking for apartments for students to live in. this year we set aside and started marketing freshman apartments, and it was snapped up immediately. We will continue to absorb the martin apartment building. We are not anticipating that kind of growth again, from Montana high schools the graduation rate is decreasing. We have 400 less students graduating from high school, so we don’t have as much to worry about this year. We continue bring in out of state freshman but we continue to be an instate school. There is growth of our numbers but it is retention. We hold the freshman live on really high because we believe it brings further success to you students. If we continue that level of increased enrollment, we will also have increased revenue. We have flexibility.

$2 million also for miscellaneous renovations.

The family housing packet had some decreases to renting packages and increases as well. We continually monitor the housing market in Bozeman and try to keep it below market but also not too much below the market.

Roden- is there any plans to renovate the “monopoly houses?”

Tom- we are looking at potentially raising some of them, possibly putting a new housing complex there instead. Some of these houses are 60 years old, and not repairable. We are looking into what we can do to also save energy with those.

Phyllis Bock- ASMSU SENATE PROTOCOL AND PROFESSIONALISM

Phyllis- so as your ASMSU attorney, I am your advisor, for the execs and the senate. Email on campus is not necessarily confidential, and in one act for our campus the emails are identifiable. You also must keep the meetings open to the public; you can only close the meeting if the person it is about wants it closed.

I am also the ASMSU meeting council, and I review all contracts.

I do individual legal services for half an hour for 10 dollars. From criminal questions to tenant and landlord laws and parenting and divorce laws.

Stacy Ray- Arts and Exhibits
I am the Arts and Exhibits director, fourth year. My senate liaisons are Scott and Bridget. I encourage you to come to be with questions and comments. I want to hear them!

(Presentation on what the Exit Gallery is showing in the future)

Lawson- how many people have come to the current exhibition?

Stacey- I have not looked at the numbers from this show but from last year the average number per day was 70. Great comments and a very high turn out at the exhibition.

Bernard- how exactly do you want to get more space?

Stacey- Right now all we can do is talk about it and I don’t want it to get lost. We need to improve our gallery, it is inadequate for some shows and I don’t want to limit the art work we can get in the Exit Gallery. I am working on improvements internally right now, and I want to discuss this with who I will be transitioning.

Fallon Walker- Films and the Procrastinator Theater

Fallon- What we have coming up in the Procrastinator- Tonight we are starting the Hangover II, we will be getting Green Lantern, P of C 4, and we are bring in Hedwig and the … Inch?, Harry Potter, and Crazy Stupid Love, also Rocky Horror Picture Show, Cowboys and Aliens, the Help, Dog Day Afternoon, 30 Minutes or Less. Next week we will start having Erotique Night, and Rooks will sponsor Friday night shows and try to have people dress up to those shows. I just hired my new team, and a new manager and projectionist. Mostly we communicate by email; we are getting everyone up to speed. Training is done and everything is going smoothly.

Haskell- I am wondering about posters and updating the website?

Fallon- we have been slow with posters because of the new staff, but Colleen is updating the website.

VP Steffens- how much is it for students to watch the shows?

Fallon- It is two dollars for everyone, and free to senators.

West- I remember last year, you were considering starting to go to film festivals, and I don’t remember what happened with that?

Fallon- I think it mostly died, but I will be going anyway out of my own pocket. And use it to better the Procrastinator.

West- are you planning on advertising more?
Fallon- we will a little bit.

Eric Dietrich- We will help out with that.

Dawson- Collaborations would be great with the LI and the Procrastinator.

West- do you have anyone approach you on that?

Fallon- sometimes but its still early, people want to rent the Procrastinator. We are open to that and get more events. And getting the Film School involved more.

Kiah- NECO and Sustained Dialogue are looking into more involvement with the Procrastinator.

**Eric Dietrich- Exponent**

Eric-(Presentation of Exponent) we have 20 new hires. We are working with the Senate Candidates with web interviews hosted by Biff the Bobcat. Marketing was revitalized. We opened a Chronicle Partnership. Once elections are over, I will be back in front of this body to discuss our relationship with the Senate. We want to develop a Media/Publications Board.

Drew- We have been printing with the Enterprise, and now we matched with the Chronicle. WE are pleased with this new contract. We have been named one of the top 25 student newspapers in our category. We were blown away with this because we don’t have a journalism school here. We don’t have any communication with other newspapers at other universities, so its great that we compare with them.

Eric- if anyone is interested in talking to me about our relationship I would love

Chiapetta- The puppet is great, I thinking teaming with the Chronicle is great, talking to them about being advisors. Also are you talking to IE students about distribution?

Eric- yes and thank you.

Dawson- move to recess for five minutes.

**Unfinished Business:**

**New Business:**

Krueger- we saw three supplementals at finance board last night. You will be seeing two tonight. Every single supplemental, capital or reserve, finance board sees those. And the board makes sure that student funds are wise and fiscally responsible. It was a great meeting, very long. And we talked about some new things we want to institute. WE look at how it benefits students at the University. We would really like to see it being funded for the majority of our student body.
Jim- some budgets are already over budgeted and the supplemental is not a bailout fund for overbudgetting. And you need to officially decide that. It is not the intent to bail out. Senate should note that we do not intend to spend extra 1000 of dollars here and there were need fit. We are trying to see if we should save 30-40% for ASMSU alone or all clubs and committees. We will be deciding it on a case to case basis. $50,000 for the whole year.

**Supplemental Request- Rock Climbing Wall Expansion**

Krueger- Kevin has been here a couple of times, but he came to last spring’s finance board, and we did not pass it. Vertigo did not receive funding through student activities. He came back to us and the board passed it. The supplemental request is for architectural services and that which encompasses it.

West- move to approve

Seconded by Bernard

West- I remember the presentation, and the plans seemed a lot bigger than $1500 dollars?

Krueger- we would only be committed to $1500 to start the project off. The Vertigo Club is off to a great start. 20 people per hour, and they can only support 10 on the wall.

Dawson- this is just for the drawing of structural

Roden- March 31st resolution that we supported this expansion, and this would reaffirm our support.

Bernard- supports physical activity on our campus

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**NECO- $500 dollar round Trip**

Kiah- As President of NECO, I am asking for traveling expenses to go to a conference to network and talk about sustainability on our campuses across the US. This way I can get many new ideas to initiate on our campus. Speakers, and breakout sessions are some of the things at this conference. My biggest concern is making our plans better for everyone on campus, because much of the time agriculture proponents and sustainability proponents don’t see eye to eye and I would like to work on that because we have the same goals in mind.

Haskell- where else are you looking for money?

Kiah- I have not looked into fundraising, but I will be sharing a room with The Sustainability Chair, and the registration fee is also taken care of.
Krueger- how much is NECO’s budget?

Kiah- we do not get any budgeting from student activities this year.

Mariani- Did you apply or get denied?

Kiah- Denied.

Bernard- If there is one thing that you want to take away from this what is it?

Kiah- I’ve attended many conferences on leadership, and never sustainability. I want this knowledge to be transferred to our campus and increase my skills to make things happen on campus, and what will take plans into actions.

Lawson- what was finance board’s response?

Krueger- finance board ruled no on the supplemental because they did not think it was good for student funds to go towards a plane ticket; it was not beneficial enough to all students at MSU. They thought outside source funding should happen for this.

Dawson- two thirds majority vote to overrule finance board.

French- move to approve

Seconded by Thiel

Blake-I was president of NECO two years ago and first to attend the conference, and it was very helpful. I gain so much knowledge for it.

Grismer- would you be willing to come back and let us know what you learned.

West- are you going no matter what?

Kiah- I would have to get creative, hopefully.

Lawson- I am a huge fan of sustainability, and a huge fan of NECO, but as a representative of ASMSU, I don’t think funding this is responsible or representative of our students.

Haskell- is this last resort or first pick to find the funding?

Kiah- I have approached student activities and sustainability center, but was not approved.

Murdock- after the climate action plan controversy, I think we should look into this because NECO is a big group on campus and we should get sustainability out on campus more.

Krueger- sustainability is a dollar committee, so essentially we are already funding Kiah in this trip, the supplemental is for 500 more dollars.
Chiapetta- if we are using all the students money, what can you bring to the students besides just this body?

Kiah- allowing me to go to this conference would be preventative medicine to make me more understanding of sustainability and be able to lead.

West- what was the vote of board?

Krueger- 0 yes, 6 no.

Roden- how much longer will you be at the university?

Kiah- at least 3 years.

Bernard- we have to opportunity to empower students all the time, I think in the long term this will help our students, and increase sustainability.

Lawson- I would like to retract my earlier comments if they are not funded by student activities.

Thiel- typically NECO is the largest recipient of money from student activities, and so this is a big blow to this club. Also every year we send students to student government conferences and campus entertainment conferences, we spend much more money than 500.

Kiah- a lot of that came from ineffective secretarial duties, fiscal duties and that is why we were denied.

Murdock- one of the main initiatives is student retention, is student clubs. And this is a great initiative to support that.

12/1/0 (Krueger voted against)

**Resolution 2011-R-15 Physical Activity for Credit**

Krueger- move to approve

Seconded by Mohr

Murdock- this would also help with student retention in many different ways.

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**Resolution 2011-R-16 Wilson Hall Writing Center Project**

Haskell- move to approve

Seconded by Murdock

Roden- I am not sure about lines 9-11
Haskell- that was the original purpose of the writing center was for the college of letters and science and they have not been utilizing this center.

Mariani- how is the Wilson writing center related to the one in the library?

Kolar- the writing center in Wilson has better availability and I always walk by and it is open.

Grismer- in one of my classes, the teacher requires students who do not speak English to go there, and I think the writing center is always really great for them.

Chiapetta- the library writing center is so new and in a different place, plus student are not as busy.

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Admin Reports:

Pres. Bjornson- the Centennial Mall is being dedicated on the 29th and 30th during homecoming, I will keep you posted. Classroom Committee- is a very important committee. I sent an email from architecture students and got two responses from them. Board of Regents is next week (Weds and Thursday) in Billings and also a MAS meeting. It would be great to have turnout from our group, I will be leaving Tuesday evening and return Thursday.

Dawson- is travel paid for?

Bjornson- it wouldn’t be much at all. A great event tomorrow evening. The Growl- Friday Evenings before the football games, at Champ’s Statue. Fight Songs and speakers- 9pm. Hopefully that will continue every game.

Paint the Town is coming up during homecoming. I hope to get two groups from ASMSU, and we will be provided with the materials. Has to be painted by the 25th.

Craig
Bridget
Marci
Charles
Scott
Dillon
Jenny
Dani
Derrick
Lindsay
Chad

Emails- some of you may have seen, there has been spam lately. We suspect this is because our directory is available online, and companies can figure this out. My biggest concern is that if students start to get spam, then ASMSU emails and other emails will be disregarded.

Matt Caires- We are looking to talk into making our directory private.

Blake- Commissioner Sterns is doing listening sessions across the state he will be here October 13th 1:00-1:45 in the Pro and it will be great to see how the board of regents interacts with the schools across the state.

-I would like to make a suggestion for the growl. Call the music dept and make sure the band is there.

West- a member of TBA, and that we performed at Catapalooza, we want to be there.

VP Steffens- the Bus trip to the EWU game they are accepting applications until tomorrow evening at the fitness center. The 24th of Sept.

Nate Carroll- some people need to meet with Heely Lyons still. Hopefully you can meet with us tomorrow. We have slots from 10am- 2pm. This is an entertaining way to introduce students to you and your campaign.

VP Steffens- for the homecoming parade should we do a float? How does everyone like the monthly program director presentations? Also, senators should come say hi to program directors in 220. We moved my office to Campus Entertainment. Every seat is covered for each college for the Senate Elections now.

BM Jackson- excused absence

PT Dawson- ADHOC List and committee list. We will be putting it on Blake’s window. You need to serve 2 ADHOC and 2 committees. We need to update it. It is your duty as a senator to serve to those. People in the know has been updated. Please post your office hours, two hours a week. There are 6 people missing tonight and I only got an email from one person who sent a proxy. Any new ideas on the Adventure?

APT Krueger- Finance Board went well. We tabled one request.

Senate Reports:
Thiel- I went to the planning council meeting today, they submitted the report and now they will start developing the plan further. What they decided to do is solicit volunteers for new ideas. It would be great to get more students on that council. I received the Student Regent position, and I will continue with senate until the new senate is elected and I will be here in a different capacity.

Murdock- I met with C-SAC yesterday, read the climate action plan. They are thinking about developing a sustainability curriculum next semester.

Bernard- LI just had two great events. Can’t wait for more.

Lawson- SASA is putting on a 80s dance right now, please check it out.

Haskell- University Athletics Committee.

Announcements:

Thiel- EWB is having its recycled fashion show Saturday, Sept 24th. Tomorrow at 10am on south fifth they are having a build day for the fashion show.

Murdock- One thing RAs have been focusing on is getting the word out on student clubs and stuff in the residence halls. If you have anything, please let me know.

Adjourn Meeting:

West- move to adjourn.

Seconded by Murdock

Adjourned at 9:38pm