ASMSU Senate Meeting Minutes for September 29, 2011

Meeting called to order at 6:04pm

Roll Call

Mohr- Move to approve September 22nd minutes.

Seconded by Chiapetta

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Public Comment:

Presentations:

Mary Bolick- ASMSU Day Care

WE have 4 full time employees, and 2 groups of young children. (Lists employees) We also employ 21 MSU students under work study or student employment. Currently, we are working on our accreditation for our classrooms and programs. The candidacy application has to be filed out by January, and we will have an assessor come evaluate us. In the state of Montana, there are only 18 programs that are accredited. We have previously been accredited but they changed the qualifications. Our program is also used in a State of Montana Field Test, and it’s a five star program (I’ll leave a copy so you can see what we have been working on). If we make the two star program we will gain $1600 per quarter. I recently went to a conference on transitioning in these programs. Creating A State Of Well Being Conference will be coming to MSU in October. We have a brand new storage shed that was provided by Family and Graduate Housing. We also have a brand new roof and new siding as well as paint because of the hail storm over a year ago. For the Halloween party we usually sponsor, we want to reallocate our resources because there is too much competition from other businesses. Tomorrow I will be helping with Child Development Day; ASMSU provides the bags and pencils.

Jon Stiles- Foam Party Recap

At 7:00pm tonight there is McViccar the Trickster a magician in the ballroom to assist with elections tonight.

We have been cleared in the future for this event. FOAMCOMING PARTY. We achieved all of our goals. 2238.5 students attended. (Presented statistics on the event and the Facebook Page) Community support was great- the Exponent, Greek Life, The Chronicle, and radio stations participated. We needed more foam, more food, we need to evaluate the layout and design for future years as well. Marketing is also something we want to push next year with this event. (Facebook feedback quotes) We appreciate your support, it was well executed. It will be about $5700 maximum for the event.
Thiel- I think this was an awesome event and its great that you could get that much attendance at an ASMSU event.

Steffens- An observation that was shared with me, no one had cell phones there. No one was on their cell phones which helped the event. Jon and the DJs were also really great about the voting and elections. It was a spectacular event in any ways.

Dawson- I have heard great feedback as well in classes. The DJ was great.

Jon- it was a good clean event with no problems whatsoever.

Bryan Vadheim- State Leg update

I am the State ASMSU Legislative Director. We identified some things we want to work with--Relationships with senators and local representatives. We want a student base ready to go with our lobbyists. Working with Doug Steel the MSU lobbyist. He is working on reaching out to local politicians in the area. We also want to generate student interest in local and state affairs. This fall, I would like to see a register to vote campaign. We are working on legalities, and also local issues awareness campaign. Many students spend eight to nine months here in Bozeman, and many are not registered votes in this area. In the spring we would like to have another local awareness event.

Roden- I noticed there is always a table for people registering people to vote, is that what you are looking for?

Bryan- we are not affiliated with that. We want to involve local politicians and events to get awareness up.

Bernard- for that forum, do you think it would be difficult to market?

Bryan- yes it could be difficult to market, for off campus students, there is a lot they care about and should care about. We need to build interest.

Bernard- great idea to work with local government, who do you plan to bring in.

Bryan- I’d love to get the mayor involved, city council, county commission. And open to suggestions.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
NEW BUSINESS:

Supplemental Request 2011-05-MSU Lacrosse Club

The lacrosse team would like a new bus to travel in, it currently costs over $1000 each year

The finance board didn’t make a decision on this supplemental because it is not an ASMSU committee.

Bjornson- we increased the supplemental budget, but I would recommend making a task force to decide a percentage for what we hold back for ASMSU committees and that we can move forward with this supplemental.

Thiel- move to table until finance board makes a decision

Seconded by Mohr

Dawson- I suggest you make a committee to discuss this and go to the finance board meeting.

Thiel- I’ve been talking to Lois, and I have been thinking about this for awhile. Our bylaws are not clear about what we should do with the power of the supplemental. So this task force should also make a change to the bylaws about this to make it more accessible and also more structured.

Roden- How funds are being allocated and what we are really investing in? Do the students as a whole get something out of the investment, or just a small group?

Bernard- too ambiguous?

Thiel- yes I do. It has supported many good projects, but also needs to be used better. Less directly connected to senators and more transparent. We need to clearly define the type of projects the supplemental fund can be used for.

Mohr- If supplementals aren’t for groups then what are they for? NECO, Mecca, RHA, IRHA… I don’t understand what the difference is.

Thiel- I know that we have had a couple problems, major doubt as to the supplemental part of the bylaws whether or not it’s just for ASMSU events or what. But I think we need to look at how the process runs and it is inaccessible and unclear as to how it is supposed to work. I can help out with this in the future. But people need to look into this.

Roden- Move to recognize Senator West.

Seconded by Floerchinger

Dawson- all in favor of tabling until finance board makes its decision with the help of a committee from the Senate

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Supplemental Request 2011-06-SASA 80s dance

It is a retrospective event on accident. Finance board approved this event because it was free, educational and reached over 300 students.

Thiel- move to approve

Seconded by Mohr

Rogala- This is a student group not affiliated with ASMSU.

12/2/0 (Mariani and West against)

2011-08 Spirit Bonfires

One for homecoming and one for CAT/GRIZ game. A member of Finance Board is looking to reduce those costs. Finance board voted against this supplemental because of Spirit’s budget is very

Mohr- Move to approve.

Seconded by Mariani

Mohr- Every time in the past spirit has always come to finance board, and so I think we should heed finance board’s advice.

Bjornson- We have a new spirit chair, and I wanted to make it clear that this was not in the budget last spring. Its ok if you deny it, but they might have to come back later this year for other events.

Roden- I don’t think it is prudent at this point to approve this. Because they have sufficient funds.

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2011-09 Leadership Institute

They need laptops and printers. Finance board approved this on the basis that this is a great group, and that the new equipment would last a long time.

Dawson- we could wait and file this as a CFAC funds, or a reallocated computer, but CFAC is at the end of the year.

Bernard- the new space that we have in the leadership institute is great, but we need a linked system. The printer is absolutely horrible.
Thiel- Move to approve
Seconded by Chiapetta

Mariani- How necessary is the printer?

Bernard- We currently have to go to Copy Cats to print the simplest things, we have pressing times for event plans and this affects our productivity.

French- from what I understand they have the same printer as the senate has. Why not use to ASMSU office printer?

Mariani- How much are you printing? For what?

Dawson- The printer is available to all of our committees.

Thiel- They do use to printer in the office, but it’s a convenience thing.

Bernard- it’s convenience.

Floerchinger- I think it is really important that they have a working printer in their office that brings in thousands of attendees. We are drilling a printer, and we have approved a lot less important things. Call to question.

Vote to vote 13/1/0

5/6/3 French, Bernard and Rogala abstain

Dawson-Motion carries

ADMIN REPORTS:

Pres. Bjornson- the Michal P. Malone event is tomorrow to dedicate the Centennial Mall to him, a magician act tonight, and also the bonfire is tonight.

Senate orientation- 6:30 Wednesday

Senate- 6:00pm

Retreat- Sunday the 9th all day

VP Steffens- Happy Homecoming!! GO CATS lighting at 9pm. The bonfire is at 9:30pm. The trickster is pretty funny; you should check it out after this. Budget council is deciding a budget approval system. I will provide details on that later. Saturday we are playing Sac State, pep rally tomorrow evening downtown. Midnight mania tomorrow night, the growl tomorrow night, the parade is Saturday morning

BM Jackson- I will try to send out reports every week after Finance Board so you are prepared when you get here.
PT Dawson- We will have placards and name tags ready by next week for new senators.

APT Krueger- ABSENT

Senate reports:

Thiel- planning council is meeting at 11:00am next Friday. They are expanding the committee. I will let you know where because I cannot remember right now. It is very important.

I went to pres. Cruzado’s Listening Session yesterday. It is a great time to be at MSU.

Bernard- October 10th. LI is having a leadership topic lunch about prohibition and tobacco free campus.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mohr- move to adjourn.

Seconded by Roden

Meeting Adjourned at 7:16pm