ASMSU Senate Meeting Minutes for September 8, 2011

Meeting called to order at 6:01pm

Roll Call:

Review Previous Meeting’s Minutes:

Public Comment:

Sheila Bonnand- I come to represent the library and let the library know what is happening in the Senate.

Presentations:

Victoria Drummond MSU Long Range Building Programs-

The long range building program is initiated by the president to all of the groups on campus. It’s a cyclical process and it’s how we get our funds as a land grant college. We are combined with all of the other institutions in Montana, and we and other agencies will be added to the house bill. It always starts off as a cash bill. Once it is entered, and then a rep. can make it a bind bill-- such as 30 million dollars for a building renovation.

This past session, the bond didn’t go through, but it was a cash bill and we didn’t get as much as we like but we are glad for the money we do receive. May of 2011, we started for the 2013 session, and it is talking about the funds we need in 2014-2015. The president looked at the needs of our campus on infrastructure. PEC (President’s Executive Council), and staff senate. We are giving them potential projects, and other planning boards and councils. We are looking at the projects (list was handed out). There are 39 projects that are important for many reasons. We are talking about expanding the utilities to buildings on 11th such as animal bioscience buildings to be heated and such by steam. Reid is also to be considered. (Further explanation of list of projects.) We have to choose ten projects and combine it with our other campuses and research buildings. (Explanation of how project money is decided, eventually going to governor’s budget).

Colleen Lindner- Tutorial Services

I’m here today to talk about the tutorial committee. It’s gone through many changes this summer. I was approached by the Office of Student Success. They wanted a tutorial program in there office, and it was a replica of what we had and more, I had discussions with a few senators in May. And we talked about concerns of giving up our tutorial services; in the end, I made the decision that this was the best thing for MSU students.

We wanted to make sure our tutors were going to be paid the same, and students are still tutoring students. The pros outweighed the cons, and so it was in the students’ best interest in doing this, so that money is not duplicated for the same services. ASMSU has always provided tutoring, and it provided a lot of traffic in our office, and we can now no longer say we offer that. As the senate, you should be very
proud that this has always been offered. I’d like to thank the Office of Student Success for this opportunity for students.

Kathryn Broom (Director of SmartyCats)- We couldn’t have done this without your help, and we are hopefully moving in the right direction. (Explanation of website). Requesting a tutor online is available, also printing off a request form, and directly coming to the office. We are requesting for more tutors on mycatcareers.com, and also through professors.

Roden- as far as scheduling things, does that go through the students and tutors?

Kathryn- Right now we have to give them a tutor so that they can figure out themselves when to meet, but next semester we hope to help out even more by being able to schedule online.

Steve Erickson- Physical Activity Credit

The ReRev system is up and running in the gym. Come and Check it out. We are also looking into other sustainability items. Water Bottle fill stations- with or without a filter system, its chilled and much more quick.

We are co-sponsoring Eastern Washington University Showdown. Students are waiting until the last minute to sign up for this. We have things reserved and ready to go if people are interested.

Steve- Physical Activity Programs to enhance academic productivity and enriches quality of life for students. We think it will increase student workouts in the gym, and also increase outdoor rec programs and instructional programs. We could get more students active in these programs.

Abbey- It’s important to students to help them deal with stressors and increase academic performance. It would help development of students- socially and professionally.

Kelley- There are also long term benefits of students. Students come here to increase knowledge, which also means training your body to be able to handle the stress of professional life. This would teach students to teach students to respect their bodies, to be proactive and live healthy lifestyles, short term and long term.

Steve- Convenience! We have a lack of one credit classes at the university. Back in the 70s and 80s there were these classes that had a large range of classes. (Gymnastics to marksmanship). They drastically decreased starting in 1995. What happened? Management, funding, and it wasn’t a part of strategic goals of the university. There was never a mentioning of student dissatisfaction.

Kelley- I ran group fitness HHD 100. This was a short notice class, but 93 students registered which was great. Students thought it was a great success, many of them hadn’t stepped in the gym before, and it changed their lives. In the evaluations at the end of the scale, instructors were rated at 4.6 out of 5. It did exactly what we wanted it to do. It made a huge difference in many lives. We would love to keep doing this and increase participation.
Abbey- MSU Bozeman is the school with the lowest amount of classes offered (3.5). UM has tons of classes (99). It works for the Griz, it will work for us!!

Steve- students assume we have those classes already. We have 5 new courses approved for credited by Extended University. It’s a great beginning, and we want to expand to a much larger program. We see this as a very big need on campus, and students ask us this all the time. Is the senate interested? We want to know your thoughts so that we can push further to start this program at MSU. We would love a resolution to the MSU Administration, and coordinate with the Provost.

Roden- I completely agree, where do you expect to find the funding with this?

Steve- through the Extended University, which is just outside of the tuition. It was $201.50 last semester. It was shared with EU and HHD, and we came out ahead. We have the facility and the equipment. It’s not going to change much.

Abbey- we want this to be included in the tuition instead of an extra fee.

Bernard- if you get the funding, what are the steps to add a new course? HHD would oversee this?

Steve- the one we just added was very simple. We have to be approved by EU which is very easy. We would have to have a sponsoring rubric, as a faculty oversight level. That is the biggest hurdle. If we use the UM model, then they go straight to the registrar and provost to approve the course and rubric.

Haskell- this is fantastic, as far as staffing goes, who is going to be teaching the classes?

Steve- Abbey would be the admin of the courses, and we would start with a small amount of courses, for quality control. Quality is important.

Kelley- right now I have 25 certified fitness instructors, we have the outline, we just can’t offer it for credit.

Kolar- Are you offering the HHD 100 class again? Have you talked to the dept. to sponsor these classes?

Steve- Yes I have talked to them and they are not interested in sponsoring this, they support it but do not want to sponsor. The HHD class was a trial only and it was not continued this semester.

Mohr- This is the direction I would like to see our campus go. I would be very against adding this to the tuition for all students, but rather have it be paid class by class.

Steve- With full time students, we would add the money for funding.

Kelley- Lab fees would have to go through the Board of Regents and the Registrars.
Ron Larsen- Accreditation and MSU Core Themes

New associate provost

I became associate provost on August 15th. The mission and core themes document is an accreditation document. MSU is an accredited university, and so federal financial aid is available here. Courses can also be transferred to and from MSU. We invite people in to review our programs. It used to be once every ten years, and evaluate it. Now it’s a 7 year cycle, where we have to turn in things every year. Year one is our mission statement; the university planning committee has been working on a new mission statement, broken into core themes and break those into objectives. It is due Sept. 14th. We are in the final stages of comments. We would still love to hear your comments, but timing is tight. If you want to get a hold of me, please be sure to get a hold of the right Ron Larsen. ronl@montana.edu

Krueger- what is the next step after you turn this in?

Ron- the next step is the strategic plan. Due just before Christmas.

John Styles- Campus Entertainment

I just took over at the start of the semester. We have been making a lot of changes. We have been looking at the goals; students need the best entertainment at small prices. We want to promote activity with other organizations as well. “Rock the Vote,” is something we are doing as well. We are networking out in the Bozeman area and student body. We want to put our name out there better. Larger events to put our name out there. Fall and spring concerts in the Fieldhouse. Acts will be arranged, in the works. We are developing surveys for student feedback. We are working towards kicking up the game in CE.

Rogala- Have you encountered difficulties in booking larger venues?

John- it’s been difficult, but it is achievable. It has to be feasible for ASMSU and students as well. I think we will be doing great with prices.

Mohr- what are your other projects you have going?

John- working with homecoming, parent/family weekend, Rock the Vote, and tailgates.

Gabe- Every home game, we will have a concert or a DJ.

Thiel- in the past, the hardest thing has been advertising, how is that now? Have you been working with the PR dept.?

John- PR is great, advertising is what you put into it. We are changing many things, marketing is expanding. We are making a more cohesive office, everyone is in the loop.

Krueger- have you outsourced for the big concerts?

John- we are working with Jade productions, it is a direct agent with who we are dealing with.
Colleen- John has been working very hard this summer. I am very excited for this new group, and communication is great.

John- our sole mission is to put ASMSU in the students’ eyes on campus.

Ryan Lalum- Productions

We have done Catapalooza so far. Also a show for Voice, we are doing bigger shows, so it is changing how busy we are. But we are branching out to the community. SpruceMoose, and Avalaunche. My first project is to get rid of many things in my inventory that I do not use nor do I need. I will be getting rid of most of this stuff.

Dawson- what is the worth of these things?

Ryan- Worth of items can range.

Healy Lyons and Laura Frazee- elections and spirit

We are hoping for a lot of applications, and hoping for a good turn out with the change. We have permanent banners to advertise, and also forums are set up. Each candidate goes to their college, and it will be 3 hours. We hope it increases voter turnout. Voting week is the 28th and 29th.

Laura- Homecoming is Sept 26th- Oct 1st. there is an office window decorating contest, also a concert, and also barbeque for senate and homecoming candidates to get out there. Go Cats Lighting, and possibly a bonfire. Also Midnight Mania in the Fieldhouse, pep rally downtown, the parade. Streamline will be running from downtown to the field.

Haskell- The Undie Run?

Laura- we will wait for Cat/Griz for that.

Krueger- where would the bonfire be?

Laura- in parking lot F.

Bernard- all the info will be on your website?

Laura- yes it is on the homecoming page and in the MSU events calendar.

**Unfinished Business:**

**New Business:**
Admin Reports:

Pres. Bjornson- Welcome, Friday and Monday, I have a table reserved to excite people about elections. (Craig and Cody) Classroom Committee- it is a part of the planning board. It’s to help decide what the classes look like. Joe Thiel is going to help me work on making people going to their ADHOC committees and come back to tell us what is going on. The reps do not need to be senators. Who is interested in the classroom committee? (Koby and Alex)

University Council- yesterday we talked about a Free Speech Policy, it was approved yesterday unanimously. Student thought they didn’t have all the rights they deserved. We also talked about credit theft of financial aid check. Student Code of Conduct.

Matt Caires- Dean of Students-

I am your liaison and I am here to help you. Blake and I edited the Student Code of Conduct, with federal laws on sexual harassment and sexual assault. If you have any questions on the changes come talk to me and check the website.


BM Lauren Jackson- If you ever want a report printed out or anything come and talk to me.

VP Joey Steffens- Stadium Dedication tomorrow night, please attend. Senators should be there to represent your constituencies. It starts at 7pm. They are going to monitor attendance and give you preference for Cat/Griz.

POS Dawson- Email from Phyllis, applications are due Monday, Sept. 12th with the five dollar fee. I have heard great comments on these changes. And we will also be having forums for each college. Our final C-fac proposal was approved. New computers for the Exponent and design and execs. We hope to branch out the iPads to all senators to save paper, and keep in better touch with each other.

Pres. Bjornson- sustainability got a new office. In the absence of the tutoring office space, there is a Veterans’ Center and Sustainability is across from the Dean’s office.

Dawson- if you are interested in pro-tempore or assistant pro-tempore, come talk to Derrick and I to find out what we do.

Rogala- maybe holding monthly meetings of ASMSU, both the senate side and the committee side. Is that still being thought about?

VP Steffens- there was four directors that came to talk today. I would like to see more reciprocation with the liaisons to those committees. Come talk to me to set a schedule.
Assistant Pro-tempore Krueger- This summer is the 100\textsuperscript{th} Anniversary of ASMSU. First finance board meeting is next Thursday. Miller Dining Hall was renovated, as well as residence halls.

**Senate Reports:**

Thiel- we have an interesting proposal coming through to the planning board for a new writing center through the R and R fund which all students pay. it requires the senate’s consent in some way. I will be writing a resolution. If you are interested, please come talk to me. Also we will be having a lot of new bills and resolutions and bylaw changes in the senate this year, and I would like to have a running list going for us to keep in mind.

Floerchinger- Paint the Town, for homecoming and football season was approved by the chamber of commerce of Bozeman.

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Grismer- Stacey is excited about it, the art is Italian and about natural beauty.

**Announcements:**

MSU VS. UC Davis Football this weekend.

**Adjourn Meeting:**

Roden- move to adjourn

Haskell-seconded

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 pm