Call Meeting to Order at 6:00 pm
Roll Call
- Ethan Schaff - FFA
Review Previous Minutes
- March 28th, 2013

Reid: Move to approve.
Seconded by O’Donoghue.

Thuringer: I’d like to make a change on page 14. It should say applause instead of applesauce.

Townshend: Who else aught the error? Make sure what you’re saying in the minutes is what you actually said. Any other changes?

Public Comment
Kostelnik: Tomorrow night is Blue & Gold and Senators get free tickets. Who wants to go?

Presentations
- Outreach and Engagement – Matt Caires
Caires: I sit on the Outreach and Engagement Council. Brief update of what we’ve been doing. Asked Senate President for 10 minutes, asked me to do it in 5. Tribute to senate leadership. This is your body. I want to appreciate Michael and the leadership he’s shown as leader of this body. It’s a tough thing to do to get this senate; this is a pretty rowdy group. This council defines the idea of engagement. Faculty, staff, and students must be engaged. Council spent last 6 months trying to come up with definitions. This document will help guide us institutionally in next 6 years. We have at least one student on that board.

Abbey: Who’s this student on this council?

Caires: I will follow up on that.

Budget FY14
Townshend: We’ll move into budgeting for FY14. Sent out the folder with all of the budget information. We have 7 budgets on here. If we got through 5, that would be great. We will move to open the budget. Basically, begin working on amendments or changes to it. Need to be a motion for that. Changes you want to make, do it zero based meaning you have to know where you want to put the money or get the money when adding to something. 2/3 vote to overrule recommendations from Finance Board. Accept or decline, be back down to main level. Move to amend per line item. Classified programs: say specific line item so Jackson can go to that specific line. Student programs, specific changes to those activities. For those who were here last year, we opened and closed each individual budget. Because it’s an entire document, we’ll make amendments to each program along the way. Program directors are here tonight so ask for clarifications if need be. Liaisons please voice your opinion at beginning of discussion.

1. Day Care
McKay: Move to open FY14 ASMSU budget.
Seconded by O’Donoghue.

French: Mary has put a lot of effort into the budget. We talked about it during finance board. If you notice, day care is requesting a lot of money. The services they provide are well above what everyone else is doing. The governor has recognized this program. The expenditure is worthy. Efforts have been made to decrease. Admin to free Mary up to look for funding elsewhere; we hope to see lowering of this amount in years to come. Great step in that direction.

Townshend: We have the program directors here tonight but won’t be here next meeting and meeting after that. Questions, want to make changes, introduce them tonight so PD to be aware of changes.

Lamm: Clarification question. The majority of the increases for this program are because of the labor and benefits. Correct?

Abbey: That’s what is predicted.

2. KGLT
Goldstein: Per finance board’s request and from talking to Ellen, we no longer need the licensing fee. Other than that, it’s great.

Oak: How is the fund drive going?

Goldstein: I believe it’s going well.

Oak: Does anyone know target goal?

Goldstein: $145,000 or so.

3. Outdoor Rec
Macy: Outdoor Rec has had the same director in past 30 years, and Ryan has done a great job in last month or two. Under budget right now, stick with budget to bring our program up to peer institutions levels. Thank you.

Thuringer: I know admin and FB disagreed on line 58. We should agree with FB on this one, let Ryan get some updated resources because he’s new to Bozeman.

O’Donoghue: I agree.

Townshend: When calling specific items, please use account code. Please use budget folder I just sent out before the meeting, not the one I sent out on Tuesday.

Reid: Echo Thuringer there. Benefit operation of whole program.

Howard: Rationalization by exec for removing that from the budget?

Abbey: Reasoning was that $15.84 has been spent in 2012 so budgeting $20 would reflect what is actually being spent by the program, 2013 $10 was spent. Argument could be made; do you think you’ll spend $100 on informational materials?

Yes.

4. Legal Services
French: POI. Number for 24 hour pass?
Higgins: $675.

French: Move to amend budget by moving $675 from supplemental to ASMSU attorney under her salary. Like to put that back in. I realize there is an idea proposed by admin to cut parking passes and general idea on budget due to fiscal responsibility. I respect that and appreciate the fiscal responsibility. Social responsibility, Phyllis has been a great asset to us. Part of her original negotiated package. How long has she had the parking pass?

Jackson: Not part of negotiated contract.

French: Can be argued how long she will/won’t be here. It provides a continuation of office peace. She has that space and when we’re dealing with $675, .005% of budget. We need to be careful with the money. In this case, worth the effort to keep peace in the office or Phyllis happy till she retires.

McKay: The parking pass has historically been a gift out of the president’s discretionary as a morale boost, a thank you. It was never budgeted in. It’s not a part of her contract. It’s really important to take entire university into account and the impact in the organization. Almost 10 students’ entire fees are going to this parking pass. Take that was you will. If we buy parking spots for employees, it needs to be across the board. I would like to hear from admin team as to why it was in original request.

Abbey: Big reason is we got rid of all parking passes. Job has a lot more perks than parking passes, paying for a parking pass is pretty ridiculous from an HR standpoint. Leslie Taylor is legal counsel for university. Both reassured me that it is proper thing to do not to pay for this with student funds. Waded Cruzado, Matt Caires pay for parking passes. Reserve spots are hard to come by. Want to say we want to make sure employees have option but that they would have to pay for it. Matt, you have that option, right?

Caires: No, I don’t. I do have to right to buy an SB which is what I do.

Abbey: That being said, look at it from cost/benefit. Perhaps it’s morale boosting, cost is pretty high. That’s one Leigh Lounge show.

VP McKay: Why are we buying parking pass for one employee and not all?

Jackson: If you bought an SB for all classified employees, just under $2000.

McKay: My recommendations. Thinking a lot, in my mind, we go big or we go home and we are fair to all of our employees across the board.

Lamm: I think it’s a good thing to take the parking pass away. It’s unfair if we give parking passes to some and not to others.

Thuringer: I agree 100% that Phyllis does a lot, shown lots of dedication. Currently we provide 5 parking passes which is $3,375.

Jackson: POI: We actually provide 2 24/hr. passes, 3 SB passes.

Thuringer: Told students, severely displeased. This is our money; our students don’t see enough benefit to make it worth it even if it’s only less than 1% of total budget. Something to consider. Mine were pretty unimpressed with the idea.
Marshall: I want to echo McKay and Thuringer and Lamm. If there are individuals on this body who want to see the parking pass added back in, I can see where you are coming from, especially for Phyllis. Keep in idea of 6-6 or SB. I know Phyllis used to do work downtown, doesn’t happen anymore. Does she really need that? She gets here early enough, plenty of spots open. Is that necessary?

Stiles: Concur with French. McKay talked about equality. If we were equal, everyone would have to be paid the same. Fact of the matter, everyone isn’t. There is an operational need for her to be in court. Errands, airport, space for ASMSU as a whole on weekends, whatever we need. Operational need? Yes. May not be down at the courthouse every day. One day she will retire, next person probably will be down there. Serves us in a much greater capacity than a summer internship that doesn’t affect students as much. I know she’s out in the community, meeting with judges, etc. Operational need to come and leave campus. As does Colleen, etc. I saw a couple eye rolls with a legal thing. Montana annotated code. Doesn’t have to be in writing that we obligated it to her. Abbey, please tell Leslie: 28-2-11 in MT annotated code. Operation need to have both spaces for President and Phyllis.

Howard: Came up earlier, who has the five passes?

Jackson: 2 24/hr. passes for Legal Services and ASMSU pres, 3 SB accidentally budgeted last year because they showed up on an expense sheet and was overlooked and approved by Senate. Phyllis has worked here for over 30 years now. More of a need for parking pass when she first started. Maybe Mary Bolick should also get a parking pass, worked here for a long time, constantly running errands.

Howard: Echo Marshall’s sentiments. Not entirely sure purchasing a parking pass for Phyllis is necessary, let alone a 24hour. 6-6 is adequate. Not usually here all night. Give those 24 parking passes up might be necessary, job doesn’t require her to be available 24/7. We’re all college students, don’t put as much of a demand on our attorney. Doesn’t need to be available that often.

Mulick: Three parking passes that were budgeted last year in here?

Jackson: They’re not anywhere in this budget.

Rowe: Echo French, Stiles. Taking out a parking pass is not how you reward an employee.

Reid: Everyone knows Phyllis is a wonderful person. We can’t make this personal. It’s not fair to every other employee on this campus. Not fair, separate from the fact that it’s Phyllis.

Goldstein: I’ve been listening to this debate and I think there’s a lot to be said for both sides. I still do not believe a 24 hour parking pass is an appropriate use of our funds. 6-6 would more than suffice. Don’t think that’s an unreasonable compromise. There is a fairness issue at play, treat employees equally. Giving one a parking spot over the rest of them doesn’t look good, not how we’re hoping to boost morale.

Stevens: All employees, equality. Phyllis is a huge resource for all of ASMSU. Her breadth of influence on ASMSU is as large or larger than our ASMSU president. Keep that in mind, resource used by all departments. Echo Rowe in that we will be increasing our advertising, larger need for Phyllis. Like to see no problems arise with parking. Would be a good idea. Strongly encourage to keep this parking pass.

Vanata: Appreciate both perspectives, especially intentionality. Impact that Phyllis has on student body. Easy to dismiss. Not making this personal is a little bit naïve. Seeing someone dedicate 30 years. I would even be in favor of employees who are here for a certain amount of time rewarding them with this. Never had Phyllis complain to me about anything. For her to address us with an issue she is concerned
about is worthwhile. Rather have productive employee, provide simple parking pass. 24/hr not necessary. For her to make noise about this says something, makes me think about our employees’ wellbeing. Urge not to put her on same playing field as other employees.

Oak: As a general question to the body. Cost of 6-6 pass?

Jackson: A little over $300.

Thuringer: I like that we’re having a lot of discussion. When I leave campus in middle of day, takes 15 minutes to park vehicle and get to SUB. Not unreasonable to me. Philosophical questions. How we weigh benefits of service to classified employee and how it benefits students? Every dollar needs to pull its weight for students. Biggest return for dollar. Not that I don’t appreciate her. $675 or $300 for a 6-6 spot that may not even be available. Just doesn’t benefit our student in ways other things can.

Stiles: One more thing to keep in mind. We put a pitch out to all program directors, classified employees, give us your budget. Phyllis only one that asked for it. She’s the only one that saw an operational need. If we’re looking at it from an equality standpoint, she was the only requested. We owe that to her. The job responsibilities are huge. Issue: she’s not in court, not traveling enough. Admin issue bring up with president and VP. They need to be in her office and saying “you need to see more people, go to court more, etc.” That’s an admin issue, not parking issue. Keep it status quo is a good idea, especially with expectation we’re laying out for next year.

Lamm: Move to previous question.

Seconded by French.

Vote: 14/4/0.

Jackson: $729 for R-1 space. Amount asked for by Phyllis was incorrect.

French: Amend motion to $729.

Vanata: Objection. I would not vote for putting in a full 24 hour pass versus an SB spot.

Townshend: Different conversation.

Vanata: Amending to change to $729, could I amend to change to $159?

Townshend: We need a 2/3 vote to overrule finance board.

Vote: 6/12/0.

Townshend: Amendment fails. Back in discussion on legal services budget.

Vanata: Not sure reasoning behind voting amendment down. In favor of supporting. Amend by including $159 back into budget from supplemental for parking pass. I am in favor of an SB.

Seconded by Goldstein.

Reid: Don’t think it’s about dollar amount, I think it’s about precedent of buying parking passes for some employees or others.

Vanata: Disagree. Revisit for all classified employees. Typical perk among a lot of employers. Sometimes it’s nonprofits. Respectful of constituent’s money. We do a lot of things with student money that they
may not like. We can see how she’s relating it back. If we take this approach, this conversation needs to go a lot longer and lot of different funds and programs. We’re working with what we can. Have opportunity to keep this in here, not make this a huge issue. Meet on a common ground. $160. Revisit later for all classified employees if we get noise from other employees. We are making this a giant issue and let’s meet on common ground. Love you all.

Howard: I understand where Vanata is coming from. Agree with Thuringer; utilize as much money as possible toward practical application toward constituency. While it does give Phyllis a place to park on campus, doesn’t directly affect her ability to work. She’s the ASMSU attorney, not the ASMSU fire department. Understand that idea. SB pass is a much better option. Doesn’t need to get anywhere urgently. Doesn’t need to get anywhere super-fast, just shortening her walk to the SUB. Position not the person. I understand that she has been here for over 30 years, done a lot for ASMSU, giving money to her position, not her.

French: Move to previous question.

Seconded by Stiles.

Vote: 16/1/1.

Call to previous question.


Townshend: Amendment fails.

Marshall: Even though this failed, doesn’t mean it won’t be given to Phyllis. Has come out of president’s discretionary in past. Do see that continuing. Don’t think we need to budget for it.

Stiles: Direct question for VP Murdock. Does the President Elect plan on providing parking spot for Phyllis?

Townshend: Not appropriate questions.

Murdock: We can address this outside of this body. Thank you.

Howard: I agree with Marshall. Having money come from somewhere else is more appropriate way of showing we appreciate what she has done.

Vanata: Revisiting where student funds go. Didn’t go over exact budget and line items with constituents. Nitpick everything and act like we have students’ voice. Hold that attitude, we need to check and see but go down all of the programs and budget so they are not answering in a biased way.

5. Admin
Stiles: Reduce VP stipend internship back to $9000, place $1000 in CE for use of general events. Put it in foam party 2014.

Seconded by Stevens.

Vanata: Could I hear your rationale, Senator Stiles?

Stiles: Budget is tight; we have a serious issue with increasing our admin compensation when we are tight with money funding programs. Regardless of importance of internship, individuals ran with
knowledge of working during summer. Internship is created, indifferent. $1000, increase CE events. Mixed message to student body, PD to pay our VP’s monthly stipend by one grand. Huge slippery slope message.

French: I’d like to limit discussion to five minutes on this topic.

Seconded by Stiles.

Vote: 16/0/2.

Thuringer: Is it outlined in VP duties to be around and working is summer?

Murdock: We are drafting contract that says to be around, commit to internship is only way you get summer stipend. Just check emails or something elsewhere, won’t get summer stipend.

Reid: Why is it a good idea?

Murdock: Decided if both president, VP do same internship, held to same standard over summer, get paid to same amount. Compensated equally for work put in. Kiah and I put in equal amounts of work. Do it for president as well.

Abbey: Value from summer internship-lots came out. Relationships with administrators, staff members. More active policy changes, create more change for the better because of those relationships so I’d say the value of the summer internship is worth $2000. By paying that, pay rent and buy food. $1000 does not cover living expenses during the summer internship.

Howard: Foggy on what internship is. Do similar things during year?

Murdock: Sent Stiles info, send that out to list serve. All meetings, brief calendar, etc.

Abbey: In large part meeting with campus admin, staff, Cruzado and Potvin to deans of every college, faculty senate, worked on projects over summer, read books we felt pertained. Good to Great, discussed those. A lot of it is just meetings. 3 or 4 meetings at 1-1.5 hours a day, kept notes for all of it.

Howard: Main thing. You two did essentially the exact same thing all summer?

Murdock: I was also working 3 other jobs to pay for everything, $200/month was not enough to live on.

Stiles: President, VP already compensated throughout summer. Already compensated for the work you do. We are not compensating them to be here full time or be in Seattle, make relationships. Recognize presidency, vice presidency are two separate positions. President should be compensated more for work. VP for support, wish to attend, so be it, not for supporting $1000 to increase the stipend of the VP.


Vanata: Does this happen in any other student government? Want to see if these exist in MUS, etc. Don’t believe it happens at ASMSUB. Also Stiles, good point that I had not considered. Should we be compensating them in building knowledge, networking skills? Maybe constituents think they should already have these skills. Go to all lengths to be prepared for that. President, VP candidates should be prepared. Senate president, VP: talk of them doing summer work. Reflect on that as well.
Murdock: Within MUS, first student association to pilot this. UM follow suit, saw how successful it was. Idea from Dean Caires. Done at Wyoming.

Vanata: Who was interested in this at UM?

Murdock: Our counterparts at ASUM.

Vanata: Stipends or work in summer?

Murdock: Work in summer.

Abbey: Unrealistic not to provide stipends. By all means, part of workload. People won’t do as good a job if not compensated because had to work other jobs. Challenge here. Inconsequential to me. Want the exec team to do a good job, give them resources they need.

Vanata: Who is supervising this?

Jackson: I do receive time cards from all of the stipend employees. Stiles has their time card.

Vanata: How often receive those?

Jackson: Done monthly. Didn’t put up till July because I didn’t know internship was happening all summer. Usually just work a little bit in the summer, Lindsay and Kiah working May to August, not typical in past. Value in making more knowledgeable. If we do that, need to accommodate stipend positions, do see value in that.

Jackson: President/VP hired for 8 months. Time over summer is additional. No pay and not required to do work, not technically employees.

Vanata: I’d like to look at difference between work in school year.

Townshend: We are on discussion on admin budget.

Thuringer: Look through document, the design of internship is quite extensive, I’m impressed. Well worth it. I want to discuss computer replacement. Computer from CFAC 2009. They’re quite good considering most will be used for word, internet, think they’re adequate. Don’t need to spend over $3000 for new computers.

Rowe: Stipend talk. I love the idea of a summer internship, leadership skills are important. The experience they gain should be their pay because they jumped into this position wanting to be president, VP of ASMSU. As senators, funding board members. We don’t get paid for it but we’re doing it because we love ASMSU, what it stands for. I want summer internship to stay in place, if anything preparing you more for school year. Amendment to remove both stipends back into supplemental fund. Remove 4grand. 2grand from president, 2grand VP.

Seconded by Stiles.

Marshall: I would like to entertain a DR from Abbey, Murdock. Do you think the future president, VP participate and get an adequate grasp on individuals if not paid for it?

Abbey: No.

Marshall: Will you elaborate?
Abbey: I love my job. I work 40, 50 hours a week, take classes. Summer: 20, 30 hours a week. Time to take a break, family to see, some vacation to have. Very unrealistic for senate to think that love and passion drive what we do. Stipend not much compared to job we could have in summer. Passion drives a lot of that work, unrealistic someone will work 20-30 hours a week for no money. Stipend isn’t enough for school year. Ultimately, this is not sold as a volunteer position. Do it because of passion. No, I don’t think students will do internship if it’s unpaid.

Marshall: What if it was 2-5 hours a week?

Abbey: Certainly, but they’re not going to accomplish anything.

Goldstein: I’ve been overwhelmingly impressed with job of leadership this year. Direct result of resources to be prepared this summer. Trying to amend out main way to focus on position is ridiculous. Priorities out of line. Double standard. Senate members convinced we need discretionary parking passes because people deserve it but talking about doing real work, familiarize yourself with important people in this organization. They can direct us to right resources. Important, allows to be prepared for coming school year. Insulting how little respect giving to one of most important positions in ASMSU. I digress.

Vanata: Wow. Lots of passion. Posed question about other universities. Stipend never in existence, I hope people would do best job and prep over summer regardless of stipend. Great reward, also think parking passes are a great reward. Lot of ways we can reward each other. I want to urge us to take a couple steps back. I want to pose question, ask senate, use of student funds. Challenge you all to think about that.

Rowe: Dean Caires. Experience in 5 university campuses. Student government there. Best way is to pay them for full 12 months, what’s preset in arrangement. Currently pay them only for school year. Summer stipend, how it’s different.

Stiles: Echo senator Rowe. We control compensation. Who controls oversight? Us. Right now. We’re in charge of charging them with task to complete. Other opportunities out there, opportunity not to run for office. Weeks more than 40 hours. Think they work 8 bucks an hour. Opportunity cost, summer. Present on campus, don’t support increase in that as they have to be here anyway. 20-30 hours a week, compensated adequately. Don’t want body to have impression that it’s always 40 hour weeks. Summer more relaxed, esp. for leadership team. This is about equality. Only responsible if we give VP a raise, give CE a raise! Other people here over summer. Done through supplemental. Deserves to be presented in such a form when it has been approved. Want it bad enough, go about it the way any other organization would. Not directly charging them with doing. Internship needs to be approved by FB, etc. If it’s warranted and find need, go to supplemental. Speak to thoughts on internship, compensated for it. Not appropriate for us to be padding pockets of executives when students paying into corporation.

Thuringer: Take a step back. Set up a choice. Work a volunteer position and not pay rent or work paid position and pay rent. What’s your choice? Most people probably chose paid position. Eliminate this? You know what, no. If you have time, do these meetings. Work another job, devote time elsewhere to pay rent. Setup is fair. Don’t do it, don’t get money. I think that’s fair. I don’t think we can expect the people working a paid position to work for free. We are doing this for Late Night director to cover hours he works in the summer. No discrepancies there. Keeping this is admin's budget, makes admin team stronger, already has foot in door, and benefits us. Who do I go to if I need something? That’s valuable, worth 4 grand for 2 people.
French: I would really appreciate if everyone steps back and stops making it personal. Talk about position. Don’t make it personal. I disagree with topic of fairness and how it’s being thrown around the room. Life isn’t fair. Some people are tall, some are short. Fairness is an inappropriate term. Move to limit conversation to 5 min.

Seconded by Goldstein.

Vote: 16/2/0.

Howard: I’m looking at email from VP Murdock, outline internship. 14 weeks, 10 hours per week. Something Rowe said. The internship in combination with other jobs, realistic for combining jobs and classwork during school year. It’s amazing you’re getting paid for that. Work a lot more hours, don’t get paid at all. Unrealistic to pay it because it’s only 10 hours a week. Benefits, usefulness, get just as much benefit from an internship outside of ASMSU you don’t get paid for. Not sure necessary to pay for this. 10 hours a week, plenty of time to have job.

Jackson: Time card presented for July and August. Abbey and Murdock were working about 120 hours per month. $100/mo. over 4 mo. period is $2.50 an hour.

Stevens: Pull up Abbey’s time card for us?

Jackson: President Abbey doesn’t keep time card as diligently as Murdock.

Stevens: You don’t have a time card?

Abbey: No.

Reid: Not motivation to do. Have to do internship to perform for 8 months in school year. Stipend way to say support you learning skills, making connections, help you pay rent, keep food on table. Multiple jobs takes away from how effective as leaders.

McKay: Was approved by finance board. We are not requiring them to be here. Contingency contract. Summer pay is not included in this stipend. 8 month stipend does not include academic year. Did come from stipend review, senators invited. Did raise other positions to match work months like this.

Lamm: I believe money is a motivator; ASMSU will benefit most if we have people here in summer doing work that is required of them to have a successful transition. I agree with this.

Vanata: Can I move to extend discussion?

Seconded by Stiles.

Townshend: You cannot interrupt with that. Would have had to have been made before time hit. It says on my fancy chart.


Townshend: Back to discussion on admin budget.

Goldstein: We should encourage our executive branch to do the best job they can. Echo Lamm, McKay, Reid. Money important motivator, ability to dedicate to task.
Stiles: I motion to amend the budgets to $1000 out of VP summer stipend and into educational training costs in CE.

French: Object to consideration of that motion.

Townshend: Consider motion, please raise placard. Vote on whether you want to consider the question. 2/3 doesn’t want to discuss it, question not considered.

Vote: 1/17/0.

Townshend: Question will not be considered.

French: On a purely academic note, I personally think there should be a parking pass for the president for previously stated reasons. Question to Colleen. Per previous specs of computers offered by CFAC, those offered cover needs and necessary requirements of what they will be used for?

Lindner: In past, have received used equipment and had considerable amount of troubles getting them up to speed, running. Talking to friends in ITC, recommend not to go that route. Used hard in labs, shoved in closet for six months. Lots of time on them and money preparing them and it was pretty consistent. Drove me to apply for CFAC money instead of equipment. Replacing computers from 2009. Made sense to go to new computer warranty, equipment I can rely on, not to say I don’t appreciate the used equipment. In talking with Ryan Diehl would love to use computers for rental program. They’ll suit him perfectly, will find home for them. Don’t want them in office.

French: Probably a pretty decent machine. Side with Colleen. Let you have new computers. It’s kind of along same lines. Like concept of budgeted new computers.

Lamm: Ask Jackson, would be an appropriate reserve request?

Jackson: Trying to have a rolling capital fund of things we replace, every year line item in budget. If you can budget for it, you should. Every year new bank of computers, other equipment to replace. Rolling fund like productions.

Lamm: Higgins, anything to add?

Higgins: If we keep pulling things out of reserve, eventually Phyllis and Mary retiring, will get us in trouble. Put in budget keeps us out of this. I do think replacing computers is more appropriate from reserve fund.

Lamm: I think CE took a big hit this year for uncontrolled reasons, would like to give back a bit to CE. Move to remove $3600 from computer replacement to large concert events in CE budget. Move it into performers.

Seconded by Rowe.

Lamm: Their reasoning behind this: cut $14,000 from CE, reduced annual large concerts from 2 to 1, Emancipator serviced over 900 students, around $1.50 per student. Really important we service that crowd, lots of new constituency that we don’t always see at that event. Very important.

McKay: We’re cutting requests. I know CE was probably biggest cut requests, like to say all recommendations made with historical info in mind. On that note, getting on slippery slope when we go against Higgins and Jackson in fiscal recommendations to us. Definitely agree we’re getting close to
chipping away at block when moving things we can budget for. We’re not going to be here forever, leave next group with what we came in with or better. Leave precedent. Not okay. If the reserve drops under 40%, 3 years to get it back, big trouble if we can’t. Daily operations these are needed for.

Thuringer: Recommendation. Keep computers in admin’s budget and accept the computers CFAC has allocated to us, give some to Ryan, and not immediately replace computers. See if any of them explode. If they do, replace them. If they don’t, replace them. Money leftover we can re-budget.

Marshall: Agree with McKay. Talking to Michael. CE lost 30% of budget. Took money because weren’t putting on great quality events. Still put on fewer events, larger events. Increase ticket price, 50 cents per student. Large local band shows brought in less than 100. Emancipator over 900. Do see concern, I see need for them. Recognize CE will put $10,000 into reserve at end of year because it was not used. No fault of Michael’s. Because of shift, I can see how that money has not been used. Want those points brought up.

Rowe: I see us benefiting ourselves more than constituents. CE is our largest venue to access students. Large performance like Emancipator is what students want to see from student government.

Stiles: Fiscal year isn’t over yet. Still have time left. Not time for a 3OH!3 concert maybe. CE does reach most students in most diverse way. Comedy to music to whatever, CE has ability to affect large, diverse amount of students on campus. Provide financial support to do that. Do new show, innovative things, CE doing a great job. Past several years turned around to be successful program, deserves support in funding it as such.

Reid: Propose. Limit conversation to 5 min.

Seconded by O’Donoghue.

Mains: I object.

Vote: 12/5/0.

Townshend: I’m the tie breaking vote. Never mind. Has to be two thirds. Debate limited for five minutes.

French: We talked about this. We should leave reserve alone. Computers should be replaced if necessary. I hope appropriate measures will be taken on usability of computers instead of spending $700 apiece. Oppose this.

Thuringer: Recognize Higgins.

Higgins: We have discussed a capital policy and what that would like. Highly irresponsible to pull money from reserve for capital request. Especially in budget. One of my goals over summer. Throwing that out there. Fiscal manager of ASMSU.

Thuringer: Where are computers going?


Thuringer: Do benefit program directors. I was assured they were good computers. I think we need to be responsible and make sure if one explodes, crashes, doesn’t work. Some money put away to replace them.
Townshend: Any further discussion?

Vote: 8/7/2. Abstentions: Howard, O'Donoghue.

Townshend: Amendment fails.


Oak: Call for 5 minute recess.

Seconded by Howard.

Townshend: We are back in discussion on admin budget.

Stevens: Direct attention to line items 90, 91. Cat Card allotments. Concerns, ideas. If we’re not allowing people to have parking passes, should we be utilizing student fees to supplement our stomachs?

Townshend: Discussion $500 for Cat Card, $1500 for Senate discretionary.

French: It’s 90 and 91. $1500 for senate, pizza and drinks, Cat Cards for executives, BM, Senate President/VP. Hold to same principles, overextending our rights as students. I would like to hear an overwhelming majority talk before we go into labors of voting on it.

Townshend: Make motion to hear discussion on this.

Thuringer: We remove Cat Cards, remove candy for office. I don’t think we need it. $1500 for senate pizzas. We haven’t had a meeting go till midnight, pretty much one of most painful experience meeting till midnight. Maybe get rid of Cat Cards. How much exec uses them, benefit they see. Don’t think we need candy.

Lamm: Is the $1500 from discretionary?

McKay: No.

Higgins: Cat Cards not for personal use. It’s to use for meetings with senators. They can’t just buy food. Candy for office is misleading. Catapalooza, orientation, MSU Fridays. That is misleading.

Reid: Do the execs want to speak to use of Cat Cards?

Abbey: I haven’t used that much. Some senators know occasionally I’ll buy senators coffee when need a pick me up. One time I met with Lamm and Gorsuch and bought them lunch. One time met with student and bought lunch with Cat Card. Blake and Joey used it more than Lindsay and I have. It’s nice to have but I could go either way.

Jackson: Brandi and I use it for meetings as way to get out of office, not talk about sensitive stuff in front of people. This body doesn’t use it that often. Past VPs, president used to use it every time before senate meetings, etc.

Dove: I think even though past admins used it, present admins don’t use it as much. Can get away with not using it. Really don’t need it, sounds like you’ve done a great job, haven’t used it much, why keep it in there?

O’Donoghue: Realistic to cut amount in half maybe?
Higgins: Originally request of $1000.

Townshend: You can amend to whatever amount you want.

Jackson: Just limit kinds of meetings allowed to have, any budget you give us we can operate with. Food in general in admin meetings was our number one priority to cut.

Oak: Jackson. How was exact number determined?

Jackson: It used to be $1000. We cut it in half for this year to $500. Supposed to be for varying number of things. One lunch meeting per month, two coffee meetings per month, depends on how you slice it.

Oak: Cut Cat Card value to $250, $250 to performers for large campus entertainment.

Seconded by Dove.

Townshend: Discussion on amendment?

Stevens: I don’t think it’s a usage thing. It’s the ethics of using it for ourselves. Arbitrarily reducing it by half is floating around subject. Fully in effect or fully gone. Vital use? Let it remain at $500. Core use of student fees, wipe straight off budget. Motion to amend amendment to strike $1500 from senate and $500 from Cat Cards.

Townshend: I’d propose you strike Cat Card one and change value.

Stevens: I’m putting it to an account for us to use for future, don’t put it in CE or certain area right now.

Stevens: Strike $500 from Cat Card, move to new line item.

Townshend: Use supplemental as rollover fund.

Stevens: Move to supplemental.

Seconded by French.

Reid: Higgins, pull that up? Have used cards. $250 is flexible, doable. Feel that’s a justifiable use of ASMSU money. In support of at least 250 dollars. Can’t buy food for themselves before every meeting. Wiggle room for them.

Lamm: Also in support of $250. $500 too much, important to have some there.

Stevens: Wary of senate, precedents we can cut other people’s budgets but when we’re affected, we’re more cautious of how much we want to cut. Show we are dedicated to students, same reasoning behind each line item. Recognize we felt parking passes, Cat Card money irresponsible use of money. Hope you use same reasoning, keep this in mind.

Dove: Agree with Stevens. All or nothing ethically. Fiscal responsibility is not to set precedents to take your stuff, cut ours a bit, and cut this out.

Howard: Recognize abbey.

Abbey: Ultimately your decision, any decision is important. Speak to idea of perks. When speaking of legal services parking pass, difference between that and offices that are stipended. We have better stipend then other PDs. Often goes to senators who are volunteers and PDs who aren’t paid as much.
That being said, I do understand making a blatant philosophy of fiscal responsibility. We limited food for admin, Cat Card, president parking pass. As someone who is studying theory, not all theories applicable in a blanket way. Think deeply about where we’re putting perks, where we’re not. A bit different situationally in my opinion.

Howard: I more or less agree with Stevens. I don’t see the Cat Cards as a necessary expense for function of admin. Better use in other places. Personally support $250 to supplemental, $250 to large performers in CE. Cat Cards themselves, not necessary, don’t budget for it.

Reid: I do think this is different than a parking pass. Only for benefit of person parking there. This isn’t for when Kiah and Lindsay forget lunch. Meet with students, others on this campus. Making connections from what I understand. Not a benefit. Another tool for outreach. Not super necessary. Not like parking pass.

Lamm: Echo Reid. I agree this could be more communally based. Already going to 5 people and can also go to students. I don’t think it’s the responsibility for president to pay out of pocket for president to feed someone else. I am still in support of $250.

Dove: Like that’s it’s going to supplemental, not a program. I can see coffee deal. Coffee’s like $1.75. Know you have an appointment and you know it’s over lunch, you aren’t really going in with idea of “I’m getting me a free lunch!” Going to lunch, maybe shell out money to have a bit of lunch cause I’m a grown up. I don’t see this as incredibly necessary.

Rowe: Echo Dove on sentiments. This is all or nothing. Abbey, Murdock good precedent of how to use it. Many other presidents may do it differently. See it being misused in the future, take it out now, more practically applied elsewhere.

Thuringer: Previous questions.

Seconded by Goldstein.

Vote: 16/1/0.

Vote change value from $250 to $500, go to supplemental rather than CE.

Vote: 9/6/2. Abstentions: Oak, Thuringer.

Townshend: Now in discussion on amendment as amended as $500 from Cat Cards to supplemental. This time require two thirds vote.

McKay: Say hello to operations manager Higgins. We pay her to make sure we’re not misusing our money. Cat Card, initial, time, receipt. I have complete faith in employees and Higgins’s ability to manage those funds. Misuse, off the table. I gained from one of these Cat Cards. I met Blake on Honors Hike and Read. He bought me lunch. To me, that was an extreme sign of friendliness, transparency, willingness to meet with constituents, kind gesture. Doesn’t have to be lunch every time. I once used it for coffee with a senator. Really important to allow administrative team to still have that ability. Those coffees add up at $1.75. Coffee with 30 people, lots of money. Tool to network, resource. Think it’s important, we need not overlook.

Stevens: I recognize benefit this could have. It is a great way to network. There are other ways we could use this money to impact more students in a broader way that is more fiscally responsible. Very
valuable, $500 could go to another line item that may reach more constituents. This allusion that we’re buying them lunch or coffee, when it’s coming out of their own pockets. We’re setting a very shady image by going out and saying I’ll buy you a coffee on the students’ dime. It’s not you giving this gesture on your behalf but on student’s behalf. Encourage it to be put somewhere we can influence more students.

Stiles: Fund in itself is an abuse of student funds. CE director has access to a Cat Card. Mine was never checked, verified, no idea how much we actually spent. I won’t say that’s how admin Cat Card is. I don’t think the Cat Cards are helpful to students in any way.

Jackson: Student activities Cat Card is separate.

Howard: Combining McKay’s story with former president Bjornson with what Senator Dove stated. Meet with people, they’re expecting they’ll pay for coffee. No risk thing. Won’t lose public standing by not buying people coffee. I see how that’s nice when you met with Blake; people aren’t expecting that to happen. Also, move to supplemental, more useful than it going to a few individual people. Most people benefiting from this are senators, people they meet with, not every random John on campus. One of us or some student in LI, someone already involved with ASMSU. Move it to supplemental is more productive for student body as a whole.

Dove: Representative of students in your college. Money comes from fees. No one probably sat down and said they like $500 to buy lunch for people. Not why we charge our students. Maybe they are students, maybe not. Irresponsible.

French: Previous question.

Seconded by Stevens.

Vote: 17/0/0.

Townshend: Vote on amendment $500 to supplemental, needs a 2/3 vote.

Vote: 11/5/1. Abstention: Thuringer.

Stevens: Motion to amend line item 90. Senate food and beverage allotment. Strike $1500, move to supplemental.

Seconded by Stiles.

Stevens: Echo last amendment. This is only affecting senate. We’ve had pizza twice. For me, wasn’t worth $1500. None of my constituents would be happy about this. Not that hard to feed ourselves beforehand. Use this into advertise ASMSU in a better light.

French: I agree. Higgins, what has it been used for in the past?

Higgins: Not been in budget before, new addition this year.

French: Pizza for finance board meeting?

Higgins: That was in budget for finance board and banquet.

French: As this is an addition, unnecessary. Undoubtedly talk about this. Perhaps same issue with finance board.
Reid: Like to hear what it’s being proposed to use.

Abbey: My understanding, $1500 to pizza for senate orientations. Pizzas at meeting in fall was office of president. I know there was pizza at this year’s meeting. Came out of my discretionary. Added to budget because we thought it was pertinent. For budget meetings.

Reid: Proposed use for budgeting and 2 orientations?

Stiles: $1500 worth of pizza, how much is that? That’s a lot of pizza. Better even if it just stays in supplemental. President can take in discretionary.

Lamm: Move to previous question.

Seconded by Stevens.

Vote: 15/2/0.

Amendment:

Vote: 13/4/0.

Townshend: Amendment passes.

French: Is it possible to table budget till next meeting? Move to postpone consideration of the budget until next meeting.

Second by Stiles.

Lamm: I would at least like to close admin budget before we keep moving on because we’re still in discussion. The more we get done now, the less we have to do in dead week. I’d rather slam it all out tonight.

Rowe: I think we’re here for a purpose. Elected to do our jobs. We need to accomplish this meeting. I think we can progress a little further. Please stick it out, guys.

Marshall: We have two meetings left to get through these. At least get through agenda. More hectic as semester progresses.

Vote: 1/16/0.

Motion fails.

Stevens: For majority votes, can we do aye or nay for sake of time?

Townshend: You could move to amend the rules for the rest of the meeting. I’ll use my discretion for subsidiary motions. Object, call for revision.

Howard: I’m a little unclear for title change for office manager. Why that requires $2600?

Higgins: Includes benefit, title change comes with 9% raise. Additional duties of supervising business manager, internal programs in addition to meetings I attend, financial matters I review, etc.

French: What’s your job changing from and to?
Higgins: Accounting associate 3 to accounting associate 4. Job title is public if anyone would like to see it.

Townshend: Let’s talk spirit ahead of late night, up to you.

French: Move to reorganize agenda, move spirit to top.

Seconded by Goldstein.

Aye vote.

6. Spirit

Stevens: Question the general senate. Fill season tailgate pass, only allotting for two tailgate session. Reach out? Great. Buy pass, go to all of them. That’s me. How do people feel?

French: We’ve discussed how many senate can qualitatively attend. Pose question. Is there a per game tailgate fee or is the only way get in there for purchase a pass? I’m getting nods we need to purchase pass. Want to go to all games, go for it! They can. Thank you.

Macy: As far as bonfires line item 34 and 54, using real fires? What was justification for that?

Murdock: Yes. Recognize colleen knows more in depth.

Macy: Why are we going with real bonfires as opposed to artificial?

Lindner: Artificial okay when weather is bad, in a pinch, real one is more enjoyable. Does a lot of spirit for people going as opposed to a gathering around a fake light. If we can provide the bonfire, great.

Mains: Liaison for spirit. Never planned to purchase the fake fire. Happened because of fire ban. Previously always had real fires.

Macy: We have artificial fire sitting we spent quite a bit of money on.

French: Presented to finance board. Fake fire purchased because a dollar amount allotted to bonfire, burn ban if effect, still wanted one, fake fire cheaper than real one at that time. Something to be said about having a real fire. Hard time believing a real one is any less awesome. We have that now if we want to use it for other things. It will be used for block party, if burn ban in effect we can use it in the fall. Numbers out of finance board, amended per Terry Leist and I’s conversation with facilities.

Dove: What are the expenses of the bonfire?

Higgins: Includes wood, facilities, hot chocolate, DJ, city burn permit. 7 expenses in one activity.

Dove: Where do we get wood?

Higgins: Facilities or on campus. Have to look at file for direct info.

Oak: Voice opinion. We are elected to serve student of ASMSU. A function of that is providing them with entertainment. Vegetarians aside, ask people. Turkey or tofurkey? Everyone says turkey. Difference between fake and real bonfire. Echo French. Fun event, got spirit, we’re about, college in mountains, tote that a bit.

Mains: Also, with fake fire, will be used for block party or if we have bans or bad weather in the future. Option but real fires are awesome. Thank you.
French: We used to be charged $2500 per bonfire event. Exorbitant amount. We were told facilities charge us that. It doesn’t cost as much anymore. Wood consideration. Definitely. Can’t just use pallets, duration of intended fire and heat and all that, bring in logs so burn more appropriately, safety hazards, lot cheaper than it has been. I personally did research on this. I think they are great.

Thuringer: Aren’t we also able to rent bonfire out to other people?

Stevens: Conversation needs to stop. Arguing over fire.

7. Latenight
Dove: As liaison, I want to say director increase to 12 month stipend is a no brainer. Currently working 12 months on an 8 month stipend, why aren’t we paying them? PD unfairly compensated for time for a service not only hugely beneficial to MSU students but beneficial to everyone in the community, keeping drunk drivers off the road. Saving $300 by having streamline print posters instead of ASMSU.

Rowe: Echo Dove. Certainly great thing we do.

French: Move to postpone consideration of budget to next week.
Seconded by Stiles.

Unfinished Business
- 2013-R-14 Support for Continued Sale of the Story Mansion
  - Steve Rowe, John Stiles

Townshend: Please close screens, put under table or something.


Rowe: Move to approve.
Seconded by Mains.

Rowe: Ensure best way to uphold legacy of Story Mansion to past and future Bobcats. Student clubs and organizations allowed to use space. Community and campus. Do with Good Neighbor Act, pursue increased with relationship of people off of campus. Friends of the Story. They’ve spent almost $200,000 on upkeep since they’ve owned it. Over 1200 volunteer hours annually. Fundraised over $75,000 in last year. Dedicated to making sure it stays the way it is. Visit, look at mansion, done some tremendous things.

Reid: Dean of Students, tiny error.

McKay: I don’t quite understand why we’re trying to put our hand in city matters. Little concerned that we may be stepping on some toes. Outside realm of our experience, where our advice is welcome. Fix line 20 so resolution is comprehendible.

Rowe: Will speaker yield to question?

McKay: No.

Oak: Echo opinions by McKay. Amend by striking line 32-34. Increased partnership is an overall goal of ASMSU; we are a school first and foremost. We are not a member of the city. I see no reason why this should mention these events that ASMSU has no direct hand in.
Seconded by Thuringer.

Reid: Is it possible to table this and do edits necessary and revisit it?

French: This meeting takes place on April 8th, moot point after that date.

Stiles: ASMSU’s logo appeared outside of Halloween party, advertising for Story under Stars. Productions or tech support or whatever. Did get advertising from those events, considered a partner in that process.

Townshend: Limit your side chatter, it’s distracting.

Vote: 10/5/2. Abstentions: Stiles and Howard.

Townshend: Amendment passes.

Dove: How much is the proposed amount that Friends of the Story will buy those for?

Stiles: $328,000 with continuing expense of $2.3 million in next 5 years.

Rowe: Fundraised $75,000 last year. Concerns me can raise that much money, want to raise $3.2 million in next 5 years. Does that add up?

Stiles: Friends of Story don’t have title to property. Pay for renovations, financing, etc. Three banks in town have backed the projects.

Dove: City been huge financial black hole for them. Rest hoping rental revenue will make up for rest. Not our business. maybe we put our logo on a few things. May have adverse effects on how city views things we send their way. Reduce poll or sway ASMSU has with city council.

Lamm: In support of resolution. Greek community uses Story Mansion heavily. Piece of alumni history really well regarded by alumni. Continue to support as people in the past have. I think it’s important to realize there is a historical element. Move to previous question.

Seconded by French.

Vote: 12/5/0.


- Bylaws
  - Michael Townshend

French: Move to approve bylaws.

Seconded by Stevens.

Townshend: Point out a few things and notes that have changed in the last week. Marshall—thanks for feedback, three in the morning, true dedication. Senator French mentioned interest in discussing how proxy voting is conducted. Last week I said it would not be allowed. Good question.

French: It was requested that I do some research based on other schools bylaws. Looked at Colorado State, Washington State, Utah State, and University of Wyoming. Three don’t mention proxy voting in bylaws. Washing State and University of Idaho do mention, no proxy allowed. I think it should be
allowed. We discussed this. While it may have the opportunity to be exploited by senators, it’s not okay to restrict opportunity to represented students because it may get exploited. We are expected to operate in good faith. We need to provide that opportunity to senators. Amendment to the effect that if you have an excused absence, you can submit a proxy vote on main agenda items written beforehand. If it is excused. Should not restrict from ability to represent constituency by having proxy vote ability stripped from privileges. Do research as we are all supposed to do outside of this body and vote as if you were here. As much as we hate peoples’ opinions being swayed during meeting. People should have meeting made up before they come here. No reason why a senator can’t do research and vote and represent constituency as they should. Suggest an amendment. Strike: everything. “In the case of an excused absence at a Senate meeting as determined by the Senate Leadership, a proxy vote will be allowed in written form for main motions on the agenda. This vote must be submitted to the Senate President prior to the meeting.” Prior to meeting in case of family emergency. Time stamp on emails, etc. I submit that as my proposed amendment.

Seconded by Dove.

Reid: I totally see where you are coming from. Agree with you people must do research, prior to meetings. So many times people bring up a point I would not have thought of. Gain a lot from talking to others in this meeting. To me, that’s just “let’s not even talk about it.” Point of this body is we talk to each other; we can sway each other’s opinions. Vote isn’t just made up on research you’ve done. So much comes from talking to other people in this room. I don’t think proxy voting should be allowed.

Marshall: Echo Reid. Great value in discussion. A lot to be said for coming to meeting, taking research, asking questions, discussing with fellow senators, answering questions. I like the idea of entertaining the option for a proxy in extreme cases. I’m still cautious about this.

Goldstein: I’d like to echo comments of Reid and Marshall. I think there’s a real merit to attending the meetings. I agree we should all be well versed in material before we get here, not appropriate to assume your opinion won’t be swayed during meeting. For effective functioning, best left out. Something comes up, we empathize with that. But I do have serious concerns about the potential of someone to abuse this or use it as an excuse to not go on in a meeting, stay informed on developments in these meetings. Discouraging attendance by being okay with this.

Rowe: Echo French on this. Used at discretion of senator. Determined by Senate Leadership. Don’t see Senate leadership allowing it to be misused. I do see this being an issue, be able to represent constituents through a vote, can’t be misused because has to be determined by student leadership.

Mains: We had proxies in the past. I used a proxy. It was a great experience. I had to leave on a family emergency. Told her everything, anything changed, just abstain. Be here, took notes, what goes on besides minutes. You have three absences; you can’t just not show up. Not just saying “you don’t have to come to meetings.” Opinions of proxies can be valuable. Sometimes that isn’t a bad thing.

McKay: I think these are great in an ideal world. This is not an ideal world. To quote senator French directly, “life’s not fair.” My vote has been swayed by what all of you brilliant people have to say. Nothing can change what this conversation does. There is a lot that can change on a main motion with amendments and such. Think long and hard, don’t think it would be misused but life isn’t fair, conversation is key in our roles.

Dove: Reid, Marshall, Goldstein’s comments valid. Represent a constituency. Life isn’t fair, stuff does happen; still have duty to represent people that put you in this room. Still are a senator even if you have
a family emergency, given opportunity to voice opinion if it’s critical to constituents. Judging by character of individuals in this room, don’t think that would be abused.

Howard: Rehash Dove. Slippery slope is not something to be worried about. VP McKay’s concern about what we’re voting on a significant change. Change so much that intent of resolution entirely changed. Good idea. I agree with French, life is unfair, really not real life; we control our own destinies in here. Senate is not bound by everything that happens outside of senate. We can bend rules, allow senators to have equal voice. Way to do that given extraneous circumstances.

French: I appreciate the healthy conversation. For an excused absence. It’s not just something random. There are rules about what it takes to be an excused absence. Must go through senate leadership. Don’t happen every week; implication that a serious issue. We’re elected as individuals. We represent a certain constituency. You know them. Reason they voted for me because they know me, how I behave, how I respond, agree with me enough to put me here. Hope this continues as senate continues on. Also, have to consider that we are adults according to society. To say we are not allowing a certain constituency not to be represented at meetings opposes some of my basic values of representation in government. The proxy would not be a person, vote on your behalf. Written vote submitted to president, that will count. Someone will come and take notes on your behalf. Can’t talk, can’t count as you. Still count as an absence. How do you foresee this affecting quorum?

Townshend: A little shortsighted in getting rid of B. That addresses your question directly. It does not count toward quorum.

French: If a vote is submitted, that won’t count toward quorum?

Townsend: Number of warm bodies here constitute quorum.

French: Amend motion to reinstate B.

Seconded by Rowe.

Goldstein: I think this is an important distinction to make that replacement does not count as attendance. Still have real issue with whether or not you can say you have given your due diligence to topic at hand if you’re not here when we have primary discussion with all bodies present. Dangerous to have someone else who is not a senator sitting in so they’re effectively an audience member and we have a section for that. Not necessarily a bad idea to submit vote ahead of time. I think this seems like a flimsy rule. I have a lot of problems supporting this because it doesn’t seem concrete to me, potential for abuse. Be careful when talking about allowing us to represent constituent.

Stiles: Previous question.

Seconded by Stevens.

Vote: 16/0/1.

Townshend: Vote to reinstate B as C.

Vote: 17/0/0.

O’Donoghue: Whole lot of intention to use a proxy vote. Going to be absent as pressing as a family emergency, it may take a lot of dedication to that particular vote to submit a vote. For that reason, appropriate installment to this body.
Thuringer: Appointed January and proxy votes were abused to the point where I wasn’t sure who was a senator and who wasn’t. Two senators I thought were there were actually proxies. There’s a reason why this is being outlawed. All leadership isn’t perfect. It’s at discretion of senate president. Person won’t always be perfect, do a good job. Not okay to say we can trust them to be responsible. I don’t know who those people are, what their intentions will be, and I don’t trust them. Excused absence? Test. Family emergency/personal injury, will you have time to research thoroughly and with a level mind? Don’t always know full context. Everyone in here has a different perspective, bring up a good point. Unfair to constituents to submit vote not knowing full context. Taking notes. We have a secretary that does that. You could read the minutes for a change. That would be pretty cool. Excused absences don’t go toward your three.

Stiles: Go proxies. One, doesn’t belong to body but student body. Same debate will happen whether it’s me or someone in my place. Think like mindedly on issue. Still conversation. Rather have 21 senators, 2 of which are proxies. Seat belongs to the students themselves.

French: POI: Allowing for vote, not a human being.

Howard: Move to previous question.

Second by Stiles.

Previous question: 12/5/1. Abstention: Vanata.

Townshend: Small changes to this that better reflect wording if it needs to be made. I will inform you of that as I see fit.

Vote: 9/7/2 Abstentions: Mains, Marshall.

Amendment passes.

Townshend: Before we go into other stuff. Thank you all for being attentive. Brought to my attention, discussion on additional representation from other groups on campus. Increasing number of senators to include other groups.

Marshall: I brought up. Especially graduate students who can elect to pay that fee. Potentially explore option of adding additional seats for representation. I don’t know if I’m okay with that population lumped into EHHD.

Thuringer: Only EHHD, grad in sciences in earth sciences?

Townshend: We currently allocate seats. College of grads studies in EHHD for purposes of their enrollment. Are we representing all MSU Bozeman students or just ASMSU members, most grad students, Gallatin College are not? I don’t want to entertain any amendments tonight. Imperative that we discuss into the next week. It’s really confusing and complicated. Also division of graduate studies which is not in EHHD.

McKay: I’m comfortable with adding this to overall picture if 25% or more pays ASMSU fee, works for me. Proportional. We all need to do more research to make an ideal recommendation.

Murdock: Gallatin College. Similar setups within other colleges. They have a separate governing body. Gallatin College own governing body. Don’t know if they have enough students. Something else to consider in how to allocate seats on our body versus theirs.
Lamm: I am naïve in this subject. Like to reach out to Gallatin College, see what their interest is. In order to keep the 21 senator number, I’d like to take three education seats and make third graduate studies. 

Number wise, would this work?

McKay: No.

Lamm: Add even number. One GC, one Grad.

Stevens: Equation will change if we add grad students?

Townshend: Let’s not get too into this topic tonight in the meeting. Imperative we talk about it outside of the meeting. I will entertain first comments and then move on.

Howard: I really like the idea of having graduate students and Gallatin College students have a seat on the senate. If they want to make their own, let them do their thing. Like to get some form of student government going, welcome them onto senate or nonvoting seat, come give opinions, not be allowed to vote. Like to include them. Same sentiments to grad students. Fit requirements for getting own seat, they should get it. Unfair to lump students with undergrads because they do things differently.

French: If you vote in ASMSU elections, representation on this body. Don’t vote, why represented? If you pay fee, should you not be represented by body because we spend the money? As I understand it, opt in and opt out options for Gallatin College student, grad students. Friends with grad students. Some opt in to get access for pool, fitness center, etc. Never had them express serious interest in being counted toward grad student seat in this body. Counted toward overall allotment in some way, don’t have any issue with that.

Dove: I’ve done zero research. How about using at large senators to represent them for sake of simplicity? Advertise to them, voice opinions. Wouldn’t be opposed to spending time with programs to hear what they have to say. Way easier than adding new senators.

Vanata: Ability to affect students, not just fee paying students. Gallatin College and grad student subject to policies, parking, tons of issue we bring up. I see lack of representation disservice to them. Like McKay mentioned, look at representation in ASMSU fees, meet happy medium. At same time, opt into it. We’re discussing resolutions, policies that affect them regardless of fee paying status. Should be explored.

Thuringer: Before we make a decision, figure out where those students are. I was pretty certain that College of Arts and Architecture grad students are College of Arts and Arch students. I will ask our dean’s office. First figure that out, look at how many of these students are opting in to our fee and pay that. Also plays a role in whether or not we allocate a seat to them. We need to draw a line somewhere, follow our own rules.

Oak: Three questions. We have not done due diligence. Figure of basic percentage of student in Gallatin College, grad program of fees?

Townshend: I’ll do that this week.

Oak: Has anybody asked them if they want representation?

Abbey: Yes. Gallatin College was already developing a student advisory council. Appreciated offer, felt demographics different enough, not same thing. Not necessarily affected by lots of decisions, use lots of programming. Graduate school has been really dissatisfied with lack of representation on this body. Talk
of developing grad seat. Talking with Blake, wasn’t doable because they can run for their college, funny dual opportunity but are enrolled in a specific college of students. Issues there. Encourage you all to look into past senate minutes. Discussed when allocation process was changed. Graduate student liaison. Ex officio member, advise us to graduate student needs. Came to us about monopoly houses being torn down, felt underrepresented. Difficult to get a liaison here. Competition for that seat would be difficult to come by. The graduate students have done the college thing already which sounds awful but I will check in with grad school, Gallatin College about interest in pursuing this.

Townshend: Try to find those minutes.

Oak: Advise body to listen to the words of President. We are all professionals here. Sleepy faces, power through this meeting.

Mains: Reiterate some points. Grad student, Gallatin College can run. I’m in a Gallatin college course.

Townshend: Great discussion. Please write amendment and check it with me, aid in process, make our meetings not suck.

Vanata: When you talked to Gallatin College about representation were you talking to students?

Abbey: It was the administrator for student affairs working on developing advisory council. I can get you that info.

Vanata: Love to hear that structure.

Townshend: Addition I made to discuss. Senate leadership position, must have served as a senator previously. Discuss these outside. Few sentences.

French: Ideally, this is the case. Pending discussion on elections, if for some reason everyone were to get voted out, some sort of exemption must take place if there was no carryover.

Thuringer: I agree with this. I don’t know how you’d lead a body never having experienced it. Fundamental structure remains the same. Made sense with current leadership. New senators, we lose a resource if they’re new to that.

Oak: I like it. Sail on the ocean before you become a captain.

Vanata: Why do we have any right to dictate this? I wouldn’t put it past Tom to run this meeting because he stays more engaged than senators in the room. Upcoming election ran for senate, I might elect him into leadership, bylaw here stop him from doing so. Entrust it to body to elect good leadership. Look at qualifications. Experience is highly recommended, we entrust this body with electing leadership. It would limit us if we have lots of turnover.

Mains: I’m in full support of this. You can’t run this body without having been on it. There are exceptions but that’s a specific case, can’t focus on that with bylaws, someone previously on this body should be in leadership position. Too specific. Maybe say someone involved with ASMSU but opening a whole new box.

Stevens: I feel like the problem with the previous bylaws was that past senates were extending power into future and causing unforeseen problems. Beneficial outcomes, senate leadership representing current senate so current senate should be able to decide what their leadership is. Make our new
bylaws closely resemble our old bylaws. Echo some senators. Abbey could clearly serve as senate leadership, never been on Senate. Cautious about us extending powers into future.

Howard: I entirely agree with Senator Mains. Situations where this would cause a major problem. Such an anomaly shouldn’t worry about it. Tom sits through meetings, won’t find another person who does that. Nicki comes because Exponent pays her. Don’t think this will be a major issue. That being said, I agree with Oak. Most people don’t come into senate knowing parliamentary procedure, how senate works, have first semester freshman who everyone likes get elected and not know how to do anything. It does warn us to keep senate from walking down a dark road.

Rowe: Echo Vanata on this one. I can see plenty of situations arising with new senator who knows Robert’s Rules and can step into positions. Limiting spectrum of possibility is a hindrance. Who are we to limit future bodies from electing their leadership based on experience alone? Just because someone has been here, doesn’t mean they are more qualified for the job.

Townshend: I will add stipend review committee and propose that. Changing write out numbers or put numbers in there. Going to be here awhile. Thoughts on that, come talk to me. Currently judicial council section, defunct for 10-12 years, mainly because there haven’t been situations where this was necessary. Oversight to move forward with having this council meet. It’s in the constitution. Issues: composition of it. It gets nasty. More of a constitution change. Want to let you know that once these bylaws are passed, still conflicts with constitution. Constitution wins. Next step after these bylaws. This can be passed with conflicts with the constitution. Constitution will have precedence. Suggestion from Dr. Caires. Fee based programs are as follows. Don’t want to talk about tonight. Include student organizations as a fee-based program and funding board. Does it make sense to include that there? They are funded by specific ASMSU fee. Include them as fee based program or not? Also: 4C what the programs are funded by.

Lamm: Put in respectively so it is very clear.

Townshend: Program oversight. This needs to be addressed. Execs looking at that extensively. Gets interesting. Like to answer questions outside of meeting. Candidacy: 50 signatures to reconsider. Confusing to constituents if they have to fill out petition, vote, and another vote. Do we want to limit our candidates to having to do this?

Vanata: Apart from looking at WS, who does this?

Abbey: UM does this. I will call ASMSUB tomorrow.

Townshend: I’ll do more research.

Lamm: Will you allow for discussion on this?

Townshend: Next week. Hell of a long meeting. Who is actually represented?

French: Should we not perhaps have intent of what fees should be used for?

Townshend: Stated further down. Reserve Fund? Accounting question. Something to think about. Outdoor Rec to highlight that has a reserve fund built into ours for building maintenance. Some require specific reserves, Exponent is also planning to build one, do we want to house that, how? Final thing Dr. Caires mentioned. Code of ethics. This is things like student code of conduct, breaking laws, top level things. I’ll send that out to you all to look over to see if you want to include in here, different from code
of expectations that senate designs every year. Suggestions and thoughts at this point. Technically in discussion.

McKay: Move to postpone discussion until next Thursday.

Seconded by Mains.

Vanata: We’re under a time crunch as is. We can’t just cut off things for next couple meetings or we’ll be here till 4 in the morning to get stuff done.

McKay: I appreciate your comments. Take into deep consideration. Darn tootin’ true. Two meetings to get this stuff done. Seen a lot of you check out. Catnaps doodle, play with hair. Move on from conversation, have conversations outside of senate. Start anew next week.

Rowe: We need to do a little more work.

Vanata: McKay has a great point. People will check out way more at 2am.

Oak: To mirror Senate VP McKay’s opinion, we are clocking out right now. Bylaws probably most important agenda right now. No one does best work at 4am. Have conversations outside of office. Do them right and do them well.

Marshall: Already gone through this at 3am, don’t want to do that again.

Oak: To pay heed to some back comments, again, we are obviously clocking out. Marshall shining example. Get it done, pay heed to her example.

Lamm: Move to previous question.

Seconded by Mains.

Townshend: Discussion postponed until next week.

- New Business
  - 2013-R-8 Support and Affirmation of the NIOH Pledge
    - Cara Thuringer, Jen Marshall
  - 2013-R-15 Support for Further Definition of Academic Integrity
    - Ben Goldstein, Cara Thuringer

First reading of 2013-R-8.

First reading of 2013-R-15.

- Admin Reports
  - President – Kiah Abbey

Abbey: University Council on Wednesday. Incident reporting system this fall. Nondiscrimination policy conference call, reps from across MUS. At least have pretty comprehensive update at May Board of Regents meeting. Phyllis has laryngitis so she won’t be in the office. Please ask me questions about budgets. Big change from LI half time to full time. New student travel policy at university council. Pat Williams not confirmed to Board of Regents. Vote down party lines HB14 funding requests moved to HB5. Authorization requests stayed. Funding requests big debate Tuesday, passed house, in senate committee. School priority right now, office not much tomorrow. Call or email me. Perhaps a special
meeting should called, we’re not night people. Earlier meeting? Subsidize next few meetings. PSA for Voice Center, really well done, find on Facebook.

French: Who else is being considered for Regent?

Abbey: Bullock will have to put forward another nomination, just happened today.

- Vice-President – Lindsay Murdock
  Murdock: Transition meeting Monday with student directors. Hiring Monday. OAE Pow Wow volunteers. Service Saturday volunteers. Romney renovation update. Taking a halt because of everything in legislature. Advised to stop moving forward with that till legislature gets out of session. If we get funding, move forward. HB5 waiting on for that. Questions? Anyone interested in engagement ambassadors, deadline April 17 don’t quote me on that, 4 students, next year, little training week or two before end of summer, kickoff tenure as ambassador at Catapalooza. See ladies at OAE. Nominate someone, sent to list serve. Two quotes.

  From my good friend Charles French: “Life is not fair.”

  From our very lovely reporter Nicki “A meeting is an event where minutes are taken and hours are wasted.”

- Business Manager – Lauren Jackson
  Jackson: Echo Nikki Duggan’s remarks. Email about this soon, Higgins in preparation for budgeting today. Appalling. I would suggest go through all budgets with a piece of paper; write down things you want to change so we have a direction. Make sure you are meeting with fellow senators during the hour you spend watching videos in the office. Don’t want to see ad-hoc in here. Know what you want to do, vote on it. Get nice email about that tomorrow. It was sad. Also, please make sure assertions you make are true. Disappointing Higgins, myself, Abbey, and Murdock had to correct you on basic assertions. State facts not just things you think are sort of kind of maybe true. Two people come to ask for more information. Should be a lot more people. Sorry, better next time.

- Senate President – Michael Townshend
  Townshend: Agree with Jackson to a point. Encourage you, have a dumb questions because you didn’t ask, more of a harm not to ask than asking it. don’t be afraid to get clarification, ask questions if need be. When asking questions of people, ask it explicitly. Responding to questions, appreciate time to respond to questions, not push your own views. Want opinion, move to recognize and say you are recognizing them so we know that you want to hear from them. Please limit side chatter. Lots of things said you might miss. Wasn’t terrible tonight. Everyone did well through process of doing this. Try not to over show emotion. Disrupts from quorum. Please watch that, I know it can get long and tedious. I need to apologize for sending senator of year email to everyone. I feel like an idiot. Congratulations, senator Thuringer. You have no idea how stupid I feel. The one thing I was not supposed to tell senate I told senate. I apologize.

- Senate Vice President – Erica McKay
  McKay: Should’ve got invitations. See Aly around; tell her they are gorgeous, great job. RSVP to me by April 12th. Email me, text me, come say hi. RSVP to know how much food we need. Advocats are taking applications questions, come see me or other Advos. Finance board tried to meet Monday, didn’t have quorum. Two supplementals to you this week. Two week rule. Not PD fault, ours. Won’t have entire two weeks to look over those because you spend so much time reviewing them looking at those, spending
enough time, questions Mass funding with funding boar Saturday. Lots of applications. Tell them good job, thanks for duties. Note: lot of abstentions. Great if conflict of interest. If you don’t know enough try to do research, come informed, form opinion, represent constituents with something responsible and you or no. Shout out to Rose. 33 pages. I’ve seen a lot of you discussing hot topics in the office. Two more meetings and we’re going to do great things. Changing ASMSU in great ways.

Vanata: Guest?

McKay: You have a plus one. PDs can invite employees below them. For ease and fiscal responsibility we didn’t print out tons of extra invites.

Townshend: I didn’t forget. Reiterate President Abbey—prepare for next week with LI change. Get as much info as possible, talk to people involved. It’s going to be a big discussion next Thursday, that’s guaranteed. Make sure you get information beforehand. Tread carefully with how you get that information. Use discretion. Get the info; it’s really important.

McKay: Not a big, dark, scary cloud. Simply a change that needs to be addressed. Lots of recommendations from lots of people, up to you with what you want to do. You need to go talk to these people. Talk to people involved, directly in the middle and figure it out. You are the last say, important say. Don’t waste your seat on not figuring it out.

Vanata: I will email you to get senators together to discuss this outside of senate on this issue in particular. Doodle this weekend to get it done.

- Senate Reports
French: Friend and fellow student approached me about group of student getting together to discuss Cat Cab like we already had. In case you get approached, his name is Thomas and he will be tracking people down for input.

Goldstein: Resolution by myself and Thuringer on academic integrity. Working on it with capstone class for a while, blank which we will have a definitive number soon.

Rowe: Next Wednesday IT town hall in pro at 9am. See you bright and early there! Free carrots.

Thuringer: SMART Buildings Initiative. Plant fund excess utility dollars, projects that go toward reducing resource consumption, energy efficiency. Looking to rally support for it, especially student and faculty. Faculty members who do things with energy. Great marketing faculty, LRES dept. Get at me with your faculty. Tell any students who you think may be interested. May involve some curriculum.

Vanata: UAC. Murdock and myself and Mary met and talked about my concerns and others’ with representation of student in exit interviews. Meeting to discuss this issue specifically. Let me know. I’ll keep you updated.

Lamm: 10am tomorrow Vanata and I will discuss the possibility of a dead week midterm, January term, academic calendar changes in the office. Please put in your input. Thank you chair.

- Senate Announcements
Marshall: Thanks for being troopers tonight. Thanks for pushing through. Finance board, admin group, anyone, come talk. Let’s talk. I know I’ll be in office tomorrow from 3-5. Love to hear opinions, communicate with you guys.
Mains: Go to B&G, constituents there, awesome last year, great event.

Vanata: Talked about meetings outside of this one, decide that now, email, how we organize that?

Townshend: Bylaws, budget, etc.? Would be official if we have quorum, decided by email. Figure that out tonight. Decide if that’s pertinent.

Stiles: Move to adjourn.

Seconded by Mains.

- Meeting Adjourned at 11:08pm.