ASMSU Senate Agenda – February 14th, 2013
SUB 235

APPROVED – February 21st, 2013

- Call Meeting to Order at 6:00 pm
- Roll Call
- Review Previous Minutes
  - February 7th, 2013
  - Move to approve by McKay.
  - Seconded by French.
  - Vote: 18/0/0.
- Public Comment
- Presentations
- Townshend: I’m going to add Outdoor Rec and a referendum to our agenda. They are in your packets.
  - MSU Bookstore – Textbook Rentals
    - Mark Frisby

Frisby: I like to remind you that MSU Bookstore is an independent organization from the university, separately incorporated. Our shareholders are you, the students. Last summer, we approached the Senate in an effort to gain access to the banner system. Largely through efforts of this Senate, we got this access. Enabled us to rent textbooks more easily. Tonight I’ll give you a report of our first full semester of textbook rentals. Unqualified success. 1800 rented textbooks, $89,000. Problem: time to return, 481 did not come back. 26% default rate, scared us to death. $18,000 didn’t come back when it should have. We have ability of charging credit cards on file. We did so and we were left with 112 units that didn’t come back, $4,000. Still a fair chunk of change for us. We then started calling these students. After lots of calling, we are down to 10 students that have not returned their books. Speaks very well for the students of MSU. Nowhere in the country is there a default rate that great. Only 4 units will be uncollectable. Default rate of .02%. Key is the bottom line. Saved students $162,000 in fall semester. A program well worth continuing. Renting more textbooks this spring, branching out into less popular books, far more books available to students to rent. Could be a very successful program for MSU and the students of MSU. Our Board of Directors: we rely on students to be a part of that board. Need to elect 3 students to our board, received one application to date. Interested in serving on great board, gaining tremendous experience, please have them do it right away. Applications if any of you wish to apply. We rely heavily on our board and our students in particular.

McKay: Thanks for coming. Great to see that this is up and running and going successfully. When does your board meet and how often?

Frisby: Once a month on Thursdays at noon, hour to and hour and half, free lunch.

French: Thanks for coming. I’ve had conversations with some of the bookstore employees about this topic. I really appreciate the numbers. $162,000: that’s the kind of thing we are proud of, this is what we’re doing to make bookstore less expensive. Hope we can adequately convey to students.

Frisby: Least expensive bricks & mortar textbook operation in the United States. No one beats us.

Macy: What would working on the board entail?
Frisby: Mostly gauging your input as students. Representation from bookstore to the student body. Being an advocate for the bookstore.

Marshall: Where should anyone who is interested go?

Frisby: Meet me tomorrow at bookstore.

- **Budget Presentations**
  - **Day Care** – Mary Bolick

  Bolick: Hi. I’m director of ASMSU daycare, preschool on campus. If you’ll look at the salaries for the teachers, they are locked into University pay schedule. Each salary is individualized. Teachers, myself as a director, all classified employees of MSU. Currently 3% raise included in budget. The university is trying to get a 5% increase for the classified employees; I honestly don’t see that happening. A 3% raise is a fair amount. Have always experienced uncollectable daycare fees. MT Hall has paid amount up until this point but is no longer willing to do this. Brandi has been in contact with Student Accounts. The suggestion made was hire administrative assistant to help in billing and collecting debts. Reduce this expense: pre-billing system that includes monthly bills to parents, follow up letters on unpaid accounts, half time admin assistant. Would also take over some routine office functions, free myself and staff up to work on things closer to our heart: looking at grants, working toward accreditation, being able to work on the requirements for Five Stars To Quality. Labor intensive, lots of training involved, help further the program in general. The kids in our program are all children of MSU students. 23 aides. Shift in student employment. Student labor. Made because as years have gone by, work-study allocations are decreasing. I shift them to student labor from work-study, which costs more money. See that shift. Also have Shane who works in our program, temp hourly. Has been with our program for over 20 years. Kiah and Lindsey presented him with an award recently. If you want to see a true advocate for ASMSU, go meet Shane. He’ll let you know how much he appreciates working for MSU and is truly an example of success. He started with us in high school, continued to be with us. Part of ASMSU’s mission statement: employment opportunities for MSU students, which we are able to provide. Administration donates rent of our facility and pays for facilities, it’s an auxiliary building. Also do maintenance and upkeep. We work with the USDA Food Care Program to pay for our food. Hope to continue to be reimbursed at a level that pays for our food costs. Generally a wash if we get the funding. It’s like a school lunch program. At the end of February, we’ll send in Candidacy paperwork for the National Academy of Childhood programs. Staff and I are working on getting this ready, including classroom and portfolio campuses. We are a role model for early childhood programs. We are advocates for daycare students and we benefit children and families on campus as well as other students. Work-study, volunteers, interns, students seeking professional experience, visitors, student employees, people come in to see how our program can be set up. Daycare preschool is a sight where students can observe and interact with students. Our parents are MSU students, lowest income groups on campus. ASMSU offers high quality, accessible childcare at an affordable cost. We all appreciate the ongoing support of ASMSU in keeping our fees affordable. In this budget, I did do a raise of $2 a day to alleviate increase of requested funds. We do charge students a fee to have children in our program, still lower cost than anywhere in town. It’s important to have a first hand experience with what the day care offers for parents and students. It’s a very unique program. The Day Care strives to be the best that we can be and to be an example of what an ASMSU program can be. I’d like to quickly read our preschool mission statement:

  Goldstein: Thank you for being here. I’m curious on the raise of 3%. Did you say you’re waiting on the legislature for that?
Bolick: Classified employees are proposing a 5% increase in salaries. Legislature in session right now, it’s a wait and see. I don’t see it being higher than 3%.

Thuringer: Thanks for coming. How many children are enrolled in your program?

Bolick: We have 62, ages 2.5 to entrance into kindergarten. We have a 1:8 teacher to child ratio, which is really excellent. Robin Cavaness is here. She’s one of our teachers. She’s Mike’s wife. All of our aides are MSU students. They are wonderful. Gives them more than book learning to have a hands-on environment. The book learning is great but it’s the experience that counts.

Murdock: Thank you, again, for all you do. I’ve had 2 students in classes of mine that this daycare is how they can manage to go to school. Otherwise, would not be able to afford daycare and go to school. Having direct impact on our students, really meaningful when students come up to you and thank you for that. Mary, thank you. You and your staff do a stand-up job and we really appreciate it.

- Bolick: I want to say thank you to our Senate liaison, Charles. He had lunch with us. If you haven’t had lunch with 16 children, you should try it sometime. You are very gracious. And you were sitting there with Shane asking you so many questions. You are all always welcome to come spend time with us. We will try not to spill milk or soup on you.
- Leadership Institute – Carmen McSpadden

Jones: On behalf of all of the staff, thanks for having us tonight. Since we started in 1996, you have been a phenomenal support for MSU and our organization. Thank you again for that. I’m Ian Jones; this is Paul Gorsuch and Ashton Solecki. We’re going to go through a PowerPoint of our budget tonight.

Gorsuch: We don’t have time to go into great detail about what we accomplished last fall semester. I’d like to highlight a few things: Condoleezza Rice, White House project-100 MSU students, contributed $3,000 for funding of that. Lindsey found $12,000 outside sponsors, rest of MSU for helping make this a possibility.

Solecki: This semester is going to be even better. First off, formal invitation to Paul Schmitz coming next Tuesday. Works with thousands of students to teach us how to build leadership from the community up. An event I’m working on is Charles Best. He is the founder of Donors Choose, connecting classrooms in need with willing donors. In April, we have two other events. Winona LaDuke, Then I-Ho will coordinate with other Korean ambassadors, Korean diplomats, get excited. Also next week: American Teacher film screening, “Beyond our Differences.” Workshop coming up next weekend. Not only is it going to involve students and the outdoors but how to incorporate that with increasing leadership. State of Congress and the American politics event. ASMSU Presidential election debate.

Jones: As you can see, we have the most incredible students and staff. Ashton has worked for us for three weeks and she knows all this.

Gorsuch: It blows my mind that I get to be in charge of these guys.

Jones: A few budget changes. Cat Tracker. Honorarium fees, student labor (super cheap about $1300 per students per semester), couple fun trainings, big events, student leader networking lunches. Entertainment fees, go to food, encourage broader engagement of students on campus. CatTracker has been selling less. $34,000 previously from sales. It’s been pretty synonymous with organization on campus. Sales increases over the last 7 years. Great income to offset ASMSU costs. Current anticipated
reduction in revenue is about $5400. Lower profit to about $10,000. We’re expecting $22,000 revenue, profit of $8,000. Cost per CatTracker for us will increase; each unit becomes exponentially more expensive. Why is this happening? Electronic media. Most students are coming to college with smart phones, Google calendar, plan their lives away. Progressive green thinking. Sustainability doing a great job-get paper products out of university. It does have an affect on us. Decrease in sales as a result of this new green culture.

McSpadden: I’m very honored to be the director of LI. More honored to work with these students. Great things right now. Met with Brandi, thank you for all of the work you are doing, especially this time of year. Other students that work with us Lauren, of course! Gianna, Hannah, Kate—great conversations on every line item. Details we don’t want to overwhelm you with. We believe it will provide approximately the same services you received this year. Admin assistant this year, absolutely key. My position in addition. We hope you’ll see this as a very thought out budget that included many meetings prior to us coming here before you. Honorarium fees. Very involved with convocation. We’re excited to bring the Life of Pi author and have heard great feedback from students. Year for rich discussions on what is purpose, life all about. In middle of contract negotiation with a very interesting young professional athlete that is also a Rhodes scholar who started 2 nonprofits before 22 years old. Taking a year off before med school, excited about athletics, leadership, and scholarship. Next year is Year of Engaged Leadership. We’d like to think about this being the year where we have some major partnerships. Colin Powell on our list for several years. His history as a leader would be a great asset. We’re looking at others on this list of that luminous level. For us to do this, we need a base to work with, 10% increase in honorariums. Student labor Ian hit on really clearly. Some of most incredible and diverse student staff we could possibly have at a great price. $8 and hour, things could change. $.50 increase each year. Do it because they love the work, bring leadership possibilities to MSU. We’d like to see the leadership summit next year. Filled in four days. Part: established a wonderful reputation and we’re very proud of that. Year of engaged leadership, good to bring back next year. Instead of every other year model. Trying to lengthen the time of speakers on campus. Being a part of Master classes, receptions, things like that. That takes food. Networking lunches. 40 students at these at a time. Think about growing student organization. ASMSU buy their lunch while they do that work, good return on the dollar. We were very fortunate to have MSU President to establish an endowment to add funding over time. You can only spend the interest off of. We have a BHAG goal there; need at least a million dollars to make the kind of impact we want. When the president comes to speak with you, talk about our interests and having her help us fund that endowment. We don’t have resources attached at the moment. Zach is our new LeAnne. Proud to say that this year that we were able to raise $25,000 this year.

Mike Cavaness from Outdoor Rec:
Cavaness: Even in retirement, I can’t get away from this budgeting process. I think my 34th presentation of budgeting to MSU. It’s all been fun. With Brandi’s help, we’ve put together a basic budget for 2014. Very few changes over current operating budget. Director salary, student hourly, work-study areas. Increased student hourly by almost $10,000 because we aren’t able to find work-study funding we had hoped for in the past year. Mary has already spoken to this effect. Work-student money doesn’t seem to be there. All of the changes will result in a bottom line reduction of around $14,000. Ryan will be assuming the position of February 23rd. I suspect he will be requesting additional funding. What you have here is maintenance level for status quo. I’m sure Ryan will have great things to add to program. Opportunity to debate merits of his requests.

Exponent – Derek Brouwer
Brouwer: Don’t have budget, dollar program. So many new faces. Derek Brouwer. 5th year, last semester. Ryan Bovy business manager, roommate, best friend. Nicki comes to all of these meetings. Best news reporter we have. New edition out: feature story about guns, pretty interesting. Online article about Governor Bullock’s visit. We just started a ticket giveaway for Rail Jam. Just a brief introduction. We just hired our next editor-in-chief. No budget pres yet. Talk about how we’re doing this year, first year as dollar committee with a student director. $2.43 per semester. Thanks for passing new fee, structural change. About 70 students right now, 50% of our funding comes through advertising revenue.

Bovy: Actually about 60.40. Transparency is important!

Brouwer: All students, no classified. Interesting paper because it views itself as a public service. Lots of energy this year, always trying to improve our organization. Ever week we go through paper and tear it apart in front of each other. It’s a healthy shark tank.

Bovy: I do prefer to think of us as a business. As a business, we are doing great. This is a healthy business. Ad sales have been low as far as what we had projected for the year. Due to some effective management of costs, it hasn’t become a problem. Stabilized. New ad sales manager, great new ideas. This weeks edition: sponsorship on Sudoku, crossword. Great new ad. Culture bought it out for the rest of the year. Great new ideas swimming around, although ad sales are a bit below what we had budgeted. We do expect to finish in the black with a bit of a reserve cushion. We do have a reserve of - 9.999. At least 10 over, so we can put 1 cent in there. I’d be failing if we finished with anything less than $2,000 in that account. Derek will be leaving, I’m leaving, lots of turnover and we want to give them something to fall back on in case of an emergency. At that point, any questions?

Lamm: Thank you guys for doing that with your business practices. Appreciate putting money away. How will you go about recruiting, how many freshman do you have?

Brouwer: Always recruiting. Big push at beginning of each semester. Fantastic crew of people who can step into leadership roles. Hopefully Nicki is one of them. Content on editorial side. Get entire editorial and marketing team assembled for next year.

Bovy: Largest shoes to fill will be my own. Position for 2 years, know business very well. Important because we don’t have an heir apparent to replace me. Hardest position to fill.

Abbey: I think it’s the pants.

Murdock: What’s Biff was doing for Valentine’s Day?

Brouwer: I don’t know. If you’re interested, I can give you his umber.

Jackson: Do you want to continue your professional development? Can you bring results from this years conference to this body?

Brouwer: I can arrange that presentation. Great results from this year’s conference. I’ll talk to them and have them come in. Professional help from the board and Bozeman community has been incredible. Kobe went to question before I was done with presentation. Will be recommending the professional development line items.

Jackson: How have you seen that help your staff?
Brouwer: Confidence and leadership. No journalism here, our own island, don’t have that discussion or feedback that you get from a community of journalists. Get way more exposure than they would get here. Able to bring back new ideas, new energy, new leadership skills. There are some things that the new editor needs to think about. Include this reserve fund. The Exponent 4 years ago ran a $30,000 deficit and ASMSU took the fall. We’ve been running a surplus since then. We have a new arrangement and we hope to never have to come to ASMSU for money again. We are really setting a precedent here that every editor will run in the black every year. That being said, we realize this is the first year, there will be turnover in leadership next year, things may come up. We have a $2,000 printer that is breaking and we may need to replace. We want to have a cushion to use so we do not need to go through ASMSU for a supplemental. Pretty good on equipment, computers 3 years old or newer. New printer next year on budget. Stipends: need to look at them and they fluctuate. Fluid organization in that sense, sort those out. Working on Policy & Procedure Manual. I’ve got half of a draft right now. We eat each other alive; don’t get feedback from readers much. Any ideas of things you think we should be doing? Anything, just let us know.

Abbey: I want to publicly thank these guys and the entire Exponent staff. Great job this year. Thoughtful about stuff behind the scenes, what’s going into the Exponent. This is the commentary on our campus and commentary we should be responding to. I encourage you as Senators to read for substance. Thank you.

- Outdoor Rec
  - Unfinished Business
- New Business
  - 2013-R-9 Parking Improvements
    - Erica McKay, Gianna Vanata, Ben Goldstein

First reading of 2013-R-9.

  Townshend: Critical discussion. Won’t bring it up for a second reading next week. Going on the ballot. Fee increase. Touchy subject around the Senate for some reason.

First reading of referendum in packets.

- 2013-Funding-9 Lighting
  - Productions

McKay: We passed this unanimously. Alex did a great job coming in, presenting all MSU necessary info, backbone to ASMSU, needs to be supported. Opportunity to increase revenues with more equipment, more student clubs will come to rent that. Result in higher usage, great investment as this equipment would last 5-10 years.

French: Move to approve.

Seconded by Stevens.

Vote: 18/0/0.

- 2013-Funding-10 Latenight Director
  - Latenight
McKay: 10-month stipend position, work 12 months out of year. Necessary to compensate for extra 2 months. Will not apply to current director as he is leaving. Possibly not get paid for any time working for us. Extending this to a 12-month stipend. Continue to support and fund this person for their work. Unanimously voted yes.

Thuringer: move to approve.

Seconded by Mains.

Vote: 18/0/0.

- Admin Reports
  - President – Kiah Abbey
Abbey: Want to show you fruit of your efforts, labor, loins? Last week, the band performance. Callout for letters to support to accompany resolution. Inbox flooded with letters. Contain multiple letters students, staff, alumni, bandleaders across the state, SOW why students are joining band in communities across the state. On Monday morning, I got word from Sean from U of M. Constitutional amendment that will have to do with higher ed. Haven’t had a chance to look at bill yet. Helena Monday morning. If you think you might be able to make it, keep it in back on your head. Won’t be supporting us as ASMSU, but that could a cool opportunity. HB240: It is about the constitutionality of the Board of Regents policies addressing gun control and free speech on campus. Hard to write resolution... constitutional authority in Board of Regents. Complicated issue. Email tonight with bill in it, proposed resolution we will not be voting on but it has a few resources talked about the authority vested in the Board of Regents. Governor Bullock visited today, we really appreciate you showing up. Lots due to Mark Bond... organizing rotunda day, this on such short notice. Really phenomenal student turnout, thoughtful questions from those students. Impressed with student policy. Ben and Luke: change to look at travel policy?

Goldstein: No.

Abbey: Preferably before March 6th so I’ll need someone to go in my stead. Steed? Stead? Whatever. It’s Valentine’s Day. My mind is focused on suitors... Doing a call for apps, national search... he’s really done a phenomenal job, leaving because he needs to go take care of his mom and family ranch in Nevada. Incredible advocate for students. Exciting to see new applicants. There is something exciting in the works. Presentation in Missoula on Monday... things percolating. Can’t say anything. Really exciting secret. Hand it over to lovely, far more qualified, VP, Lindsey Murdock.

- Vice-President – Lindsay Murdock
Murdock: Echo Kiah’s thank you who came to the conversation with Governor Bullock today. Thank you for everyone who showed up to the Mardi Gras concert and the Gallery opening last week. Means a lot to show up to support their events. Let them know you’re supporting them. Emancipator concert on March 7th after the Rotunda Day. Free concert ticket. Student engagement. Supporting 2 programs in one day? I don’t see what could be better. FGH Day in the Procrastinator showing Wreck it Ralph. FGH, kids get into movie for free. Around the 17th, like kids, go! Don’t forget that we are still asking for apps for student regent. Haven’t received any, but interest across the state. Bobcat in there would be super cool. A few of you were interested. Do that. Day of Student Recognition coming up. Nominate each other, apply for these awards, for students who are involved, engaged, and leaders on campus. Lastly, the polar bear plunge is Monday at like 9:30am. Theme is Macklemore’s Thrift Shop. IF you’re interested in doing that? It’s Monday, we don’t have class.
Murdock: Raise you hand, right now, I know y’all want to be there. Bozeman pond 9:30am. Awards at IHOP or something like that, warm breakfast and coffee, we could all carpool. Email with all info about that. Benefits the Special Olympics. I have to fly to Kentucky this weekend, won’t be in office tomorrow.

Quote: love or work or, for me, I do love work, it’s tied to both “There could be no deep disappointment where there is not deep love.”

○ Business Manager – Lauren Jackson

Jackson: I thought of the theme. I want to see fur coats. Just saying. Questions on budgets presented to day? Met extensively with Carmen. She can talk a lot about the things she wants to do.

Rowe: figure in change of Outdoor Rec?

Jackson: He’s just really good at managing expenses. It’s probably from all over the place.

Townshend: From decrease in salary, increase in student labor.

○ Senate President – Michael Townshend

Townshend: Phoenocia, Senator interested in Diversity Awards selection for Day of Student Recognition. Let me know if you’re interested.

Mains: Info?

Townshend: After spring break, not a huge commitment.

Abbey: More information about what award actually is, ask me.

Townshend: Reid and Smith as interested, Goldstein interested.

Last week we appointed people to stipend review. In bylaws, there are 6 senators on it, a few other people. In different section of bylaws, it’s the same committee and there is a completely different makeup in that other part. It’s kind of a wash. I came up with this number and group for the committee based on what I thought was best for the makeup of the committee. Technically not either bylaw definition of committee. 3 Senators, VP, Business Manager, Operations Manager, Chaired by Senate VP, and Office Manager. I figured it made sense. Everyone good with that?

Jackson: Is it a voting committee? How will it work? People with stipends shouldn’t have voting power.

Townshend: You’ll be biggest person because you have a list of how much people are working for their stipend. Rowe and I met for raise to the tech fee but it’s an increase of 4% on a $38 dollar fee. $22,000 more a semester to support some initiatives happening in IT. Take that seriously.

French: Paid by all full time students?

Townshend: $38 by all students right now. Bump it up to $39.52 for students taking 7 credits or more. It’s in my information once I get it. We’re looking to index ASMSU fees this year. Based on the current numbers, it’s a 2.08% increase. $1.65 per student per semester for 6 ASMSU fees. Our fees haven’t been indexed in awhile. Probably important to think about doing that. Include that in our recommendations. Because it is standard indexing, we don’t need to bring it to ballot for student vote. I will send those numbers out to you as well. Please keep all handouts because I don’t want to have to print new things every time. I will send out the list of the people you liaise to so you can meet with them in the future. Quick email of meetings with program directors. Confusion about who is meeting with whom. Not as
much contact as they had hoped for. Meet with them soon and often. Things that will affect them for upcoming semester.

- Senate Vice President – Erica McKay

McKay: Funding Board into Mass funding, looking at application, getting structure set up. Constituents part of student clubs. Come meet with me, get familiar with process, budget workshops, to makes our job easy in here. It was really cool to see some of your faces there showing support for student clubs, getting involved. Exponent: Great way to reach out to constituents to reach out to editor. Tree issue: one of my main ways of reaching out. See anything thin there. Stick name out, offer up communications, get to work. Talk to me about parking resolution. Exciting to see that come to fruition after 7 or 8 years of student expressing concern. Hope this means lack of questions is doing your homework, efficient, quick, super proud. Keep up good work. Great long weekend.

- Senate Reports

- Senate Announcements
- Schaff: Quote for valentines’ day by Jon McClain Yipee ky aye. Thank you.
- Meeting Adjourned
- Thuringer: move to adjourn.
- Seconded by Mains.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:33pm.