ASMSU Senate Minutes – February 21st, 2013
SUB 235

APPROVED – February 28th, 2013

- Call Meeting to Order at 6:00 pm
- Roll Call
  - Mulick – Sick
  - Stiles – Excused
- Review Previous Minutes
  - February 14th, 2013
    - McKay: Move to approve.
    - Seconded by Mains.
- Public Comment
- Presentations
- Budget Presentation
  - RSAF – Steve Erickson

Erickson: We’re a dollar committee. Student fees: more students, continues to rise. Payroll is rising as well. We are making good use of that funding. Direct payroll is myself and the rest of the staff. Basic programming notes: 639 students in group fitness classes this fall. Numbers always drop a bit in the spring so we don’t have those yet. We started the ACT classes this year. There were 177 students in ACT last semester and 320 this semester which is a great number. ACT budget is academic so there’s no way to get any profit so we’re making sure our expenses are covered through the Provost. Even if it did make money, it wouldn’t go to us. Every student employee gets trained in CPR/AED every year. We hire 150 students. It’s a pretty large budget. We’re not in charge of the facilities so 95% of this budget does not go into this facility.

Lamm: Thank you for coming. Are you expecting a growth with ACT classes next semester?

Erickson: I forgot to mention we are having a small summer sampling as well. We’re hoping to have 500 students by the fall. Have to line out instructors, and things like that to get the classes going. We want to make sure background checks are done and they know what we’re doing, etc. We definitely hope to grow.

Townshend: Could you give a brief description of proposal for new position?

Erickson: This position is in two parts. Jeff Hicks is here who runs intramurals and our facilities program, where he works with most of the students. At 5:30am Jeff is on his texts, making sure someone is there opening a building, 11pm making sure things are taken care of. He’s spread pretty thin throughout day. I want to bring in an intramural coordinator and we don’t have a club sport coordinator. Those are some good reasons as to why you need a club sport coordinator. In my opinion, we don’t have a great club sports program. We have some teams who do as well as they can with what they have. Part of that is because of leadership training, event management, what you should be doing in travel, keeping track of everything, insurance, etc. When you have that in place, your teams become more successful and you’ll have teams go to national championships. We’re here for students to get into club sports and some leadership needs to be developed in each one of these clubs. MSU’s strategic plan wants to double all clubs and that’s doable for sports clubs as well. We’re paying off a loan early so we can cover half of
their tuition for this year. Probably work mostly afternoons and evenings, fulltime for both positions that way. But we need another $25,000 to make that happen.

Vanata: Thank you for having students and clubs’ voices in mind. What do you mean when you mention risk here?

Erickson: Sports involve risk, but most of the risk involves travel. Rugby, soccer, and lacrosse travel regularly. This means students generally go in their own cars and travel and we have no university regulations at all. The biggest risk is getting in an accident or doing something inappropriate representing the university. That’s what we’re talking about.

Thuringer: With the creation of this new position, are you planning to devote more resources to club sports?

Erickson: The model will still stay. They would still be under student engagement but we would manage them as a club team after that point. We don’t have funding for the clubs. That will still come from Student Engagement.

Vanata: Having this position in place. Say by chance we look at transportation and a club is doing what they can. Would they need to comply to those rules recognizing that they will have to come up with those rules?

Erickson: These will be guidelines, not necessarily rules. Who owns vehicles, are they insured, those kinds of things. Someday it would be nice to develop a program where they did have vehicles.

Vanata: Would you foresee the possibility of these clubs signing a contract to abide by these rules? I’d love to see that be in place.

Erickson: There would be regular club leadership meetings. Those are the types of things we will discuss, especially at the very beginning. Lots of schools have a club sports council so students can ask the questions and make sure they are following the rules. If clubs don’t follow rules, funding will not come their way the next year.

KGLT – Ellen King-Rodgers

King-Rodgers: Hello everybody. If you look at the budget, it hasn’t increased much. It does include the 3% increase in salaries, 3% increase of what we’re paying for rent. Most of the budget doesn’t change. Anything new we get is through grants. This is the operations budget. 77% is for the salary of 4 full time employees and 3 students. The rest is to keep the equipment going, some legal fees, pay the chief engineer. We’re reducing our paper usage so it almost breaks even as far as what we need and what equipment we need. Since 2007, we have received about $725,000 in grants. Right now, the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB) is sitting on $26,000 that they won’t let go until March 1. We are externally audited and we have no problems and they deemed that nothing is significant. CPB sent us a note of congratulations. So this is the first time that at least we got a good grade. Another report I just sent in was to release the $26,000 which is for growth and programming. Funding from ASMSU is all about operations. CPB is sitting on some money. Other than that, we got $33,500 from Greater Montana Foundation, Humanities Montana, Friends of KGLT, Golden Pearl, and other organizations. The station’s fund drive is coming up and you are all invited to help out. We have a $150,000 goal. Last year was our biggest year ever. $145,000 in pledges. We took in more than that. This year the goal was $150,000 so we’re trying to get as many pledges as possible by going to businesses so we can say whose pledges can be matched. Hitting up a dozen businesses for that. We collect incentives from places all over, lots of gift
certificates, music, artwork. All of that is happening upstairs right now. We’ve been invited to continue this wonderful program created by our music director, “Montana Medicine Show.” So we’re going to share that with high schools students. Two minute vignettes of Montana history. That is going to continue to be sponsored by the Greater Montana Foundation and Humanities Montana. Every episode will be offered for free to all high schools. It works great in history classes because it really initiates conversation. That’s a smidge of what’s going on at KGLT. We give about 1800 PSA’s a year. We are passionate about outreach to the community. We represent any and every group on campus. We also represent nonprofits that contact us, things like that. We have foreign language students coming and honing their English skills in our studios. All kinds of things.

Lamm: Thank you so much. You’re stretching our student dollar to an incredible amount and you’re serving a lot of people.

King-Rodgers: It’s an honor to be a part of this station and it works well with the way I like to do which is really touch people.

Rowe: Could you speak more toward your fund drive?

King-Rodgers: All DJs on it. It goes on 24/7 for 2 weeks. All DJs give us ideas to give us fun promos. It’s our 45th year, so all DJs have been asked what their favorite 45s were. I remember the Shirelles for example, someone else will say the like the theme from Tommy. We get all these promos together. We are on the air and we have books of incentive items. A book of food, music packages, general items, etc. So I’ll play 10 minutes of my best music, get on the air, tell people what the incentives are and people call in their support. This goes on and bluegrass is crazy. We actually goal each DJ to do $1,000 per show. I send out a letter to all DJs that I write before to tell people about fund drive. I’m talking to the MSU Foundation about doing recurring payments. Wade Cruzado was at the studio today. She was asked to speak on another show on land-grant universities. She offered to help at fund drive. There’s a lot of excitement going, we have calls all day long and make about $10,000 a day. The apprentices get this special charge because they’re part of something so incredible. Any of the Senators that have helped always have had a ball. Ale Works gives us a seven-course dinner each year. Last year it went in the first week at $150 a seat. It’s a crazy and fun time of year.

Goldstein: Thank you. We’ve sat down a few times. I want to emphasize that she goes above and beyond and works with a lot of wild cards and she does an incredible job of keeping all of her ducks in a row. Great community outreach, people care about the service they are providing. It’s all about the teamwork and people really grow from this program because they’re a part of something now.

Legal Services – Phyllis Bock
Bock: My title is the ASMSU Attorney. As the ASMSU Attorney, I do Student Legal Services. I provide individual legal services to students, generally in landlord/tenant, criminal (advice only), and family matters. The other part I do is I’m an advisor to ASMSU. That means I give advice to all of you, classified program directors, and student program directors. Bylaws say that I review all contracts ASMSU enters into. I supervise classified employees in conjunction with ASMSU President. Hiring someone at MSU is a long process. The search for a new Outdoor Rec Director started in October, finished at end of January. My budget is the same every year. Salary, benefits, law books, phone. I do a Law Day every year. April 29th. First day of finals week but it’s really cool so you should go. The major part of the budgets is personnel. For classified employees, that’s set by the university system. In addition, you’re giving us the support we need to run those programs. When you’re looking at budgets, that’s what you should be
looking at. Another awesome part is that we hire a lot of student employees, so a lot of your money is going back to students.

Rowe: Thank you for your dedicated service for over 30 years now.

Bock: Thanks. It’s cool, it’s fun. Thanks.

- Productions – Alex Nusbaum

Nusbaum: Being the first of the student directors, I’m a little nervous. I’ll start with the mission statement of productions. That’s our overall goal. We’re here to support you, CE, other clubs and organizations, and teach our students what it’s like to work in this field. We have four goals for next year. One: provide the highest quality production assistance to MSU events. Two: look at ways to advertise MSU Productions better, including what services are available for hire. Lots of people don’t know we exist. I had no idea it existed until end of last year when someone said I should apply for this position. Three: work on a better friendship with KGLT and look for more collaborative opportunities. Four: remove and replace old equipment. These goals are what our budget is placed around. Activity 1: labor. This is director pay and hourly associates. Van: covers gas, insurance, and parking fees. Minor tools and activity equipment: I am trying to set a precedent. I want to pay for minor replacements each year to keep our equipment in good condition, starting this year with a new van. Our van is starting to become faulty. It’s a 1982 or 1983 model and we bought it used. It takes 30 seconds to shift from drive into reverse. Not a very safe vehicle. Replacement of faulty equipment: $13,500.

Townshend: There’s a discrepancy. Our budget says $11,500.

Nusbaum: $13,500 is correct. For next three years, these are the major things we will need. Rather than coming to you every year with supplementals, we’d like to build this into the budget. These will be the replacements we make each year. Van is sadly most expensive and working down in price. Food: sometimes we work for 6-12 hours at a time. Tailgate followed by QSA show, 16 hours straight. Provides food so we can continue working and provide service. This is to help with our outreach to clubs and organizations. A lot of people don’t know about us. This is a way for us to try to get our name out there and try to increase revenue into productions. We’re expecting we can make at least $1,000 next year.

Howard: You’re incorporating the productions van with minor tools and equipment. Is that going to save you money on administrative costs? Is it cheaper to do that way?

Alex: It’s the same either way. We’re doing it this way so you know what set amount we’ll ask for you every year. We are not trying to avoid supplementals. We’re going to need more upgrades. There’s a lot we could do to expand our services and rather than making you go through supplementals and that process, we’d like to work that into our budget so we can get this things done ahead of time so we’re ready to go.

Mains: Thank you for coming. I want to request that we get the presentation sent to us.

Rowe: I want to verify costs. Is this number correct?

Townshend: Yes, plus a small administrative fee.

Vanata: I’ve been very impressed with your dedication and foresight and how you run this program. Thank you.

Townshend: This concludes budget presentations.
• Unfinished Business
  o 2013-R-9 Parking Improvements
    ▪ Erica McKay, Gianna Vanata, Ben Goldstein

Vanata: move to approve.

Seconded by Thuringer.

Rowe: I’d like to thank the sponsor of this bill. I know this has been a very large concern of many of our constituents and I’m in support of the passage of this resolution.

Vote: 18/0/0.

Resolution passes.

  o 2013-REF-2 Support for Intramural Fee Increase
    ▪ Joshua Stevens, Luke Howard
Townshend: Just a reminder that this is a referendum so the majority of Senate vote is required to have this placed on the ballot for a student vote.


Townshend: I hope everyone did research. I heard a lot of discussion in the office over this. Keep this in mind.

Move to approve by Howard.

Seconded by Reid.

Stevens: Move to amend to line 40, strike Sports Facilities and replace with Rec Sports & Fitness.

Seconded by McKay.

Vote: 18/0/0.

Townshend: Amendment passes.

French: To whom this may concern: hypothetically, if this were not to pass, would we still be able to get this funding from somewhere? I agree this position needs to come to be. Would this funding possibly come from elsewhere?

Stevens: You can list off a plethora of departments that have a budget that could be putting money into this. We could talk to our Dean of Students but he actually approached me because there is not enough money in his department to satisfy this. Given this is directly correlated with students, I feel this would be appropriate.

French: I agree. If it doesn’t pass, would we be able to hire someone?

Stevens: Probably not.
Rowe: Is RSF permanently supplying $25,000?

Stevens: Yes. They will be supplying the other half indefinitely.

Thuringer: Does this mean the Facilities Program Coordinator will be removed from duties?

Stevens: Ideally, that’s what the position would be. This person will have a say in how the position should be made. Yes, hopefully, Jeff Hix would have a portion of what he’s doing now relieved so he could focus on the work he does with all of the student employees in the Rec Center.

Mains: What will our constituents see on the ballot?

Townshend: They will not see this specific wording; they will vote on content of that. They’ll see a synopsis that is not as lengthy and technical. RSO fee will go on ballot with quick synopsis as well.

French: Who writes them? How it’s written can determine the success/failure and we want to make sure these are unbiased.

Townshend: That’s my job. I haven’t approved the RSO one yet. Mandy wrote it, I believe. It is my duty to make sure it is presented on an unbiased member. Let’s go back to discussion on the referendum.

Lamm: Could this be a part-time position? I don’t want to cut anyone short but I don’t know if that would be another option.

Howard: Officially, it would go down as a full time position. It’s essentially two half-time positions. We’re combining it into one position.

Lamm: I want to everyone to remember that being a Senator is our idea of student engagement. Sports and clubs is a lot of our constituents’ engagement. Keep that in mind when making a decision. Morale goes up when we have more successful sports teams, happens when we have people willing to put time and money into them.

Vanata: I’m concerned at the amount of questions going on right now. It expresses that we’re not totally informed about this. I know we were pretty concerned with the SRO fee increase and the resolution appearing unbiased. In two places it says we support the addition of a $1 increase. I’m also interested in hearing how we gauged the interest. Have we talked to constituents who we would be directly affecting?

Howard: Josh and I are RSF liaisons. I haven’t talked directly to them but they have gone to Steve and Steve relayed the message to us. This is something they’re interested in seeing created because it does help them a lot. They are 18, 19, and 20 year olds organizing national trips to go play sports. They could use some assistance with that.

Vanata: I think it’s this body’s responsibility to make sure clubs sports would be on board with this. With this policy comes a price; they will have to fall within those guidelines and we need to make sure they’re cool with this. It seems that we as a body are uninformed. I motion to table until next Senate meeting.

Seconded by McKay.

Lamm: POI: Can this be put on ballot if we vote next week?

Stevens: POI: Can we be talking right now?
Townshend: No, we can’t be talking.

Vote: 8/9/1.

Townshend: Motion to table fails. POI. Technically, it could go onto ballot, but it’s less than a week’s time before people start voting so it would be cutting it close if we’re unsure about this until then. Take that as you will. It would give you less than a week’s time to talk with constituents.

Stevens: For me, this really started out with Matt Caires approaching me that the hockey team needs fee increase, looking for funding for coaches. Clubs are poorly represented and helped on this campus. I know this through my talks with clubs. There are feelings that the university is a road block rather than an accelerant on for the club teams. By instituting a director of club sports, we would be altering that image and would be a catalyst for their sports and involvement within this university. There is a lack of education regarding this issue and it’s our fault. Maybe we do need to entertain a table. I hope this doesn’t happen in the future. I have had office hours. Vanata has a good point: fee increase bad image on ASMSU. Agree partly with that. This resolution and numbers behind it have solid backing. These are the numbers from fiscal year 14. Fee increase is very professional, justified number. Secondly, there is a need. This need has been expressed to many people. Steve Erickson talked to me, as did Steve Caires. Strike that, Matt Caires. It would allow for more engagement within our club sports. As these sports teams continue to grow, there is more liability for the university. Most of them are operating under Montana State Lacrosse, Hockey, etc. By allowing them to bring on MSU title in everything, it would be responsible for our students to have a director to mold these clubs and have them best represent Montana State. We want them to accurately represent MSU and portray the best image we can. It is our duty to put this on the ballot so hopefully student body will recognize that need.

Howard: Stevens touched on this a little bit but Dean Caires did bring this up. After Greek Life, club sports are the second highest on the hierarchy of liability, which is largely because of traveling. A lot of it is safety concerns, insurance, stuff like that. While they are off campus, they do reflect on us and are legally connected to the university. This would help provide guidance which would help the students survive and grow. Also helps keep the leadership of these clubs deal with potentially sticky legal situations. You’re out of luck if you break down in Spokane, Washington, for example. Super helpful thing for these clubs, especially as our university continues to grow and we have more club sports.

McKay: I think you all know where I stand with RSOs. I love them. I support this resolution. I’ve had conversations with lots of people in club sports. This would help them a lot. I’d like to echo Vanata’s concerns. All the questions and the lack of conversation with Senators Howard and Stevens makes me nervous. I want you guys to remember that the number one thing we do is represent our student body. We will be educated, responsible, and thorough in all that we do. Think on what you have done in terms of reaching out to constituents; keep that in mind when you’re getting ready to vote. I don’t think a week of getting it out there to students is that bad. It won’t be too much of a hassle for you. You’re all great at what you do and can overcome that. You have a responsibility to the student body. With that, move to table until next week.

Seconded by Vanata.

Vote: 10/7/1.

Townshend: Motion to table until next week passes. We will move into new business.

- New Business
  - 2013-R-11 Amendment to BOR Policy 940.12.1
    - Charles French, Michaela O’Donoghue

First reading of 2013-R-11.
2013-Funding-11 Blue and Gold Sponsorship

Jackson: The supplemental is at $21,000 or so.

Townshend: That’s where we’re at. Senate Vice President McKay will give us a brief description.

McKay: Blue & Gold Committee. Last year this was sponsored by ASMSU through CE, they received $1500 in the form of a sponsorship. Their process has changed a little bit. There are some questions that we as Funding Board had. They’re trying to reach a goal and anything beyond that will be given back to community. Didn’t have a full budget so we had no grounds to know how much we were contributing. We were slightly misinformed. We voted against it. 7 nos, 2 abstentions, one being a new Finance Board member. They voted this down and that is their recommendation to you.

Townshend: To clarify, this is a supplemental.

Smith: Move to approve.

Seconded by Mains.

French: It is my opinion that in no way we are saying Blue & Gold isn’t a good idea. Not intention here. The concept of sponsoring the event in solid. Where it broke down for me is they’re trying to raise money to fund event and to give away money. I have a problem with that when we already have a RSO that is doing this. They want us to fund this as a fundraising project. They talked of using that concept as part of sales pitch to get people to come. That could be a plausible idea. Because it was viewed as the money would be given them and we’d lose all control and they’d hand it out to someone else. We already have an organization to do that. Perhaps we could consider that, but there is no point in doing that back door channel style.

Vanata: I am a part of the committee. Great organization. Definitely a more thorough budget and explanation should have been in place. The intention is that the event money will go to ticket sales to raise money, auction items as well. I’d love to see them come back with a more thorough presentation and explanation. Thank you Finance Board for being fiscally responsible.

French: We encouraged the Blue & Gold committee to come back with a revised proposal with more information.

Vote: 0/16/2.

Townshend: Funding request fails.

• Admin Reports
  • President – Kiah Abbey

Abbey: Next Tuesday at 6pm we have a private showing at the Planetarium. We approved a supplemental to support the renovation of the Planetarium. Pretty cool opportunity. A way for the museum to say thank you. Great way to reach out to the community, student population. At the museum. Could probably bring a date or a friend. Put yourself out there.

Nusbaum: Got to take a tour. What they did with the money they have is very impressive.

Abbey: Won’t be there but I’m sure it’ll be amazing. Mary Bolick’s, our ASMSU Daycare Director, husband was in a serious accident snowmobiling. He’s recovering quickly but he works for UPD, and we want to support them. Put forth $500 Visa gift card out of discretionary to pay for costs they’ve
incurred. While ASMSU is a great place to work, not exactly highest paying. Many employees don’t have capacity to save up for emergencies like this. That card is going around. Please sign it! Next week there will be a Mental Health Pane with myself, Jake Losinski, Erika Swanson. Don’t miss out on opportunity next week! There will also be a speaker Weds Feb 27th at 4pm. I can get you a ticket if you’re interested in attending. Charles Best will be coming as an LI speaker on March 5th. Mark that in your evening plans. He’s the CEO of Donors Choose. Really cool organization. Let me know so we can get you reserved seating. Show up if you sign up for that. It’s really embarrassing if you don’t show up and it makes us look horrible. BOR March 7th and 8th. Interested in attending, let me know. If you’re thinking about regent position, come talk to me or Joe Thiel. I would encourage you to sign up for the Rotunda Day. While classes should always take precedence over responsibilities, I’d strongly encourage you to attend Rotunda Day. Lobbying is more important than one lecture for me. I’ll send that out again. I think that’s it.

Vanata: Update on rotunda?

Abbey: 16 students state wide, 4 from MSU, 3 ASMSU, 2 are me and Lindsey. Cara has signed up. Please please please sign up. 9-5 basically. Let your friends know.

Rowe: Will be excused from Senate?

Abbey: You’ll be back for Senate. Might be a bit late. We’ll delay business. Keep in touch with me.

Nusbaum: Anyone who attends Rotunda day will receive free tickets for Emancipator.

Abbey: Thanks for kicking butt and taking names.

○ Vice-President – Lindsay Murdock

Howard: Question of privilege.

Murdock: On Feb 25th and 28th, there will be a scavenger hunt for Champ downtown. We’re trying to continue to integrate MSU with the community and Downtown Business Association. It’s on the MSU calendar. Cool way to get out there and connect with community, and it will be fun to find Champ the Bobcat. There will be a service learning summit March 28th which will be really cool and help you to build that skill set. There will be a small session the night before with a keynote. Check for an email from Tiffany. They need Blue & Gold volunteers. As you may or may not know, we had a debate yesterday, elections are on Tuesday. Tell constituents to vote. Eric has been working so hard, so have Senate liaisons. We want to increase voter turnout. Let them know what a big deal it is that they vote.

Townshend: primary is Tuesday.

Murdock: Lincoln and 007 in Procrastinator right now. They’re also selling tickets to Emancipator. Jen, Kate, Luke, Gianna, I’ve seen you in office talking to liaisons about budgets. Appreciate how much you are working with them on budgets. Also, come over and visit us. Bring us chocolate. We appreciate it. Thanks to you all. I’ll end with a quote. This especially relates to voting and referendums. “Act as if what you do makes a difference because it does.”

○ Business Manager – Lauren Jackson
Jackson: Our current supplemental balance is $21694.37. Admin will be meeting Monday to discuss budgets you just heard about. Questions? Look on opal drive. I just sent you an email with the Productions presentation. All details also on budget drive. Questions? Approach program directors who made them, Brandi, myself. Any questions for me right now? Raise your hand if you’ve been on budget drive. Some of you are really great. Tiffany has her hand raised and Tiffany’s not a senator and Tiffany is kicking your butt. We’re doing well with budgets. From January, all of our budgets are significantly under which is really nice. CE is $46,000 under right now, mostly due to reduced professional fees. Talk to liaisons. Elections is significantly under budget because we haven’t had that yet which will be exciting! My office hours are posted. If you have questions please come see me or shoot me an email.

Townshend: Now you’re going to get a presentation from me about fee inventory process. I know it’s riveting stuff but it’s highly important. These next few weeks it will be important for us to be focused on constituents, meeting with them. It’s on us to make sure everyone is well informed. I apologize, this is not the most pretty thing ever. Inventory process happens every 2 years. Any fee incurred upon students requires student discussion to change it. BoR Policy 506. The university has a lot of fees. Course specific fees, departmental fees, college specific fees. University must have student voice to change those. There are mandatory fees incurred upon all students taken a certain amount of credits: building fee, student union fee, student facilities enhancement fee, computer fee, information technology fee, athletics fee, etc. Each student government is sent notification of fee increases. Lots of departmental fees can be discussed within smaller campus groups. Fee in CoB will go to marketing club, finance club to gauge student interest of support or opposition. Gauge interest in student groups affected by fees and get info from students. We’re central hub for students on campus. For the mandatory fees, they come to us to decide if we want to support or oppose them. This has to be done before May BoR meeting which is when they will be discussing fee changes. It is important to get information to them relatively soon. We have info ready to present to senate, different student groups. There are also college specific fees. Each college discusses specific fees within college and write formal letter in support or opposition of specific fees. Mandatory fees: resolution in support of fees we want to change. Next week, get info from Laura Humberger. Research those in next few weeks, write a letter supporting, opposing ones you want. Feel free to consult with me. Things that need to be brought in front of whole body we can do that. There will be the first reading of a resolution next Thursday where we need to get Senate’s support or opposition. Look for that next Tuesday. The minute we get info, start reading and voice opinions before the first reading so we have more time to gauge interest. When we have the second reading, Laura will be there to answer questions on fees. More specific questions, ask people to come present to us at meeting. The letters will be due by the meeting on the 7th. Final meeting on mandatory fees will be after spring break. Very concrete in our ideas of what we want to do, want to recommend to BoR. Questions on process?

Vanata: Will you please send us the timeline?

Townshend: Yes. I’ll write the resolution. We’ll be sitting in office asking people how they feel about these fees as we get them next week. ASMSU fees. Looked at indexing them. Proposing a 2.07% index rate. Increase of $1.64. another 2% every two years. I’d like to have two senators write a resolution of support for indexing. Who’s interested? Smith and Dove and Oak. Take stock of each other. Needs to go to BoR in same manner as the other fees. Other things: RSO will be specific based on student vote; intramurals is also up for consideration.
Abbey: The indexing of fees does not go on the ballot. If we were purposefully increasing a fee it would. This would be very small increases to keep up with consumer price index.

Townshend: A lot of the fees coming to us are really just being indexed. Roughly around 2% increase. We want to be focused on anything more than that, glaringly affecting bottom line for students. Look for resolution from you next week. Thanks to Marshall, Dove for helping out with debate. Email on Tuesday with list of liaisons. Appreciate Rowe sending me a prompt email update of what’s going on with his program. Looking forward to your emails in the coming few days. Asked to remind everyone to please put cover on food when heating it up in the microwave. Smells less, keeps stuff cleaner. For our safety in the back.

- Senate Vice President – Erica McKay

McKay: I know you’re all sending beautiful pictures to Isaac, get going on slideshow. Go get pictures. Take senator friends, program director friends, constituent friends and go to events. Send the pictures to Isaac. Don’t dump them on him all at last minute.

Townshend: I hope everyone got the save the date for banquet. Steve Rowe’s texting but that’s okay.

McKay: Start asking questions now on budgets so it doesn’t all build up. Retrospectively, take the opportunity to start talking to Brandi, Lauren, program directors now. Don’t want to be here for 6 hours in a senate meeting. Finance board still rolling. Funding board is getting mass funding set up. Budget workshop dates will be out soon. Keep that up. Talk about student org fee, possibly intramural fee increase. Communicate what is happening here. Keep up good work; get pictures as ASMSU events so you can send them to Isaac.

Mains: Have to be ASMSU events?

McKay: ASMSU events and ASMSU people? Double whammy!

Murdock: Don’t send in pictures of you doing things ASMSU doesn’t condone.

Howard: If I’m not wearing that many clothes, is that still appropriate?

McKay: I am going to ask that you are fully clothed.

- Senate Reports

Townshend: I want to remind you of difference between reports and announcements. Reports are ASMSU business, important meeting with programs, things like that. An announcement is saying your program is doing an event they want you to attend, things like that.

Thuringer: I have a shout-out from Matt Caires: great discussion on the intramural fee increase and keep that up.

Vanata: Athletics committee meeting is coming up. If you have anything you want me to bring, please let me know. I’m talking to Dhaval in LI, moving to Senior Associate position. He would love to hear any
feedback Senators have in regards to LI events, things going on, bring back to LI. If you have anything, please let us know. It’s really important.

Schaff: What I’m trying to do is spearhead a meeting time with Deans of Library. Vanata mentioned students have approached her. Not enough power cords. I’m going to see if I can set a meeting time with deans of library to see if there’s a feasible way to put in more power cords. What times would work best for you? Encourage you to invite constituents.

Townshend: Mulick is not going to be here on March 1st when EFAC meeting is occurring. Find a Senator without an ad-hoc to take her place on that committee. Relatively free Fridays? Interested in doing that? Let me know. Senator Schaff. Who doesn’t know what their ad-hoc is or isn’t assigned to one? Michaela, Eric, and Luke don’t have one. Not your fault. Who’s met with them this semester? Who has a meeting still to go to? If you have questions on that, please come talk to me.

- Senate Announcements

Mains: You should be looking at your social media. MSU will be doing a Harlem Shake video from 4-5 tomorrow, location TBA. I can invite you all to that event when you leave. If you’re interested in Pre-law, let me or Eric oak now. We’re starting a Pre-law club on campus. Let us know if you have comments on that.

Stevens: My office hours are T/Th from 12-1:40 if you want to get educated on referendum. Erickson is almost always on campus. Do your senatorial duties and get educated before we talk next week.

Marshall: Thanks to everyone who came to the debate yesterday. Videos are online. Don’t forget to vote!

Schaff: I want to reiterate that elections are coming up. 3 of 4 campaign teams approached IFC/PanHel and all did an excellent job in presenting campaign, what they hope to do with the office. Put it out there, these are the people, do the research, make choice that fits for you.

Vanata: Leadership summit this weekend. I’ve heard it’s been a great event in the past. It’s going to be great.

Rowe: Encourage everyone to attend the Emancipator concert. CE super excited. We’re hoping for a larger Senate turnout.

Howard: My office hours are MWF 10:30-11:30, usually there 10-noon. If you have amendments to referendum or general discussion you can reach me then.

- Meeting Adjourned

Move to adjourn by Rowe.

Seconded by Mains.

Meeting adjourned at 8:01pm.