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ASMSU Senate Minutes – February 28th, 2013

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- Call Meeting to Order at 6:00 pm
- Roll Call
  - Mulick – Mammoth Mountain
  - Mains – Wisconsin
  - Macy – Exam
- Review Previous Minutes
  - February 21st, 2013

McKay: Move to approve.
Seconded by French.

- Public Comment
- Presentations
  - Title IX – Diane Letendre

Letendre: I appreciate the invite to come here. I apologize I wasn’t able to come a few weeks ago. I was visiting with Kiah about training about Title IX. Title IX was passed to prevent sex discrimination in education. There’s was a big hullabaloo about sports but it applies to academics as well. We want to share what we’re doing and how you can help the cause. Title IX is specific to sex only and education. No other avenues. This is MSU’s current non-discrimination policy. We cover federal law, Montana law, and university policies. This is the all-encompassing statement. April 4, 2011: Dear Colleague Letter to discuss how institutions (K-12 and college) respond to acts of sexual violence and sexual discrimination. My role turned a lot this day. It asked that universities pay more attention to how we respond to acts of sexual violence. The Montana Human Rights Act is much like Title IX. Also prohibits gender-based harassment. This includes jokes, comments, etc. Ex: “All women suck at science,” “All men suck at housework.” Discrimination based on sex can include sexual harassment, sexual violence, assault, coercion, etc. We had never previously addressed sexual violence. Office of Institutional Equity was never involved with student-on-student harassment issues. We are still working together to make this as smooth and comprehensive as possible. Sexual harassment is: unwelcome, conduct of a sexual nature, or interferes with an individual’s life. The Dear Colleague really addressed sexual violence, defined as contact of a sexual nature against a person’s will or where person is incapable of giving consent. So this falls under Title IX. We are responsible for our students and if they go to another institution and they’re a victim of sexual violence, we are responsible to investigate that. Even if it’s addressed by one of our students and the other is of another institution, we are responsible for that. Any responsible individual needs to report sexual harassment. Any agent is considered a responsible employee. Last May we decided any employee is a mandatory reporter. If we knew or should have known, we are at fault. If someone comes to one of our employees and says to keep it quiet, this could be a huge issue. These are situations where this person must notify us. Last May, Mandatory Reporting from BoR. So how do we make this known? We tell student leaders. This is not intended to be a bad thing; it’s intended to make sure we have a safe environment and so we can do something about what is going on. Any campus employee that is informed of any allegations needs to notify Title IX coordinator. Deputy coordinator is Janelle Barber, in my office in Hamilton. People can report online anonymously. We are responsible to pursue situations even if student doesn’t want us to because things could escalate. If no one reports
directly, the perpetrator could assault multiple people. Make sure people get the care they need at the VOICE Center, refer them to Dean of Students, refer them to my office.

Marshall: Thank you for coming. On behalf of the student employees. I didn’t know I was a mandatory reporter until this weekend. How do you suggest we get the word out to student employees?

Letendre: In the next few weeks, we’re going to have a training course online that will be required every year.

Thuringer: A lot of confusion about whether or not ASMSU Senators are mandatory reporters.

Letendre: If you’re paid, you’re an agent of an institution, if not, no. I’ll follow up on that.

- Sundance Film Festival – ASMSU Films
  - Colin Cashin
Bury: Hi, I’m Chantell. This is Colin, a Projectionist for the Pro. He’s also our manager. We had the opportunity to budget in the Sundance Film Festival. It’s an expo and a way for film students to get out there, present their films, and get into the industry, review films, etc. We will be bringing in a film from a previous Sundance which will be shown in the next couple of weeks. Colin was able to go to that a few weeks ago. He’s going to show you what we did at Sundance, what we hope to bring to the Procrastinator next fall.

Cashin: Sundance is more than just a place to go and watch movies. Every film you see has been independently produced and is awaiting distribution. The festival is almost 30 years old. I’m really glad I got to do, though we had some issues this time. You can buy ticket packages to see films which we can do in advance if we are able to go again in the future. I was put in a lot of wait listing lines so it was hard to see films MSU would like to show students. First: *Sightseers*, not a movie you’d normally see in theaters. Guy is a serial killer who only kills annoying people. *Fire in the Blood*: late 90s, companies developed antiretroviral drugs that keep HIV/AIDS in check. Problem: Cost $150,000 a year, rarely covered by insurance. Completely out of reach. Costs about $100 to make the pills. Film didn’t do a good job of giving information beyond this. It was great about sparking the discussion but didn’t convey information very well. *Crystal Fairy* was a Chilean film. Michael Cera goes to Chile, acts wild and crazy, and is looking for a hallucinogenic cactus. Spirals out of control, really poignant film about youth culture. Pretty insightful look into this, look at how young people want to experience new things. Beautifully shot film. *Emanuel and the Truth about Fishes*: Woman’s baby is a doll and believes doll is newborn. Emanuel keeps secret because she doesn’t want to upset the mother. Jessica Biel can’t really pull off performance. Some of the other ones are quite good. It wasn’t picked up. *A Teacher*: terrible movie. Woman has sex with students, not engaging. Bad. *S-V/H/S*. best film I saw. Sequel to *VHS*, set of horror films but much better. Very cool. As a film student, it’s a really interesting experience to see movies and see how everyone reacts and you can’t get that here.

Bury: These are some of studios we carry. 3 of the films Colin saw were picked up. We can get *S-V/H/S*, *Sightseers*, and *Crystal Fairies*. Bring those in. great. This is an opportunity to try something new, keep it for next year hopefully.

- Fee Increases
Townshend: Last presentation will be on fees to recommend to BoR. This is Laura Humberger, Associate VP of Financial Services.
Humberger: Each biennium we look to our departments and admin offices to see what fees we’ll need for two upcoming years. Tuition blacked out because of legislation so we’ll just talk about mandatory fees right now. Next week we can talk about course fees. Fees with math classes, engineering fees, field trips etc. Right now: briefly go over fees with more than a purchasing power increase to them. Student facilities enhancement fee: provided Pro, black box, renovated SUB, renovated health and fitness center. Tom Stump to talk about that, student union fee as well. Mitchell will answer questions on health and dental fee. Latimer will talk about IT. That number has been moving around a bit but not much. We’ll also talk about the non-resident building fee. I won’t go over all of these. Listed on this page are the last ten years of fees. Lots of specific fees, the grey regular student building fee, non-res building fee, haven’t changed much in recent years. General fees, not building specific. What do we use this money for? Projects on general buildings, like the Writing Center. Student fee funding a project more than $200,000 needs approval. That’s what we do with this money. Non-res pay more than triple what resident pays for tuition. We don’t get funding for buildings from non-res students. We don’t get any money from the state for our nonresident students. Building fees have been very static. It doesn’t make sense that nonresident paying double when the needs are about the same in general operating fund. In some cases we could use tuition money but if we increase the building fee instead, it’s carved out specifically for academic building enhancements plus students get a say. We’d like to increase this by about $100 per semester. We want to increase it $25 a semester over next four years so the non-res fee is in same ratio as tuition.

Townshend: Academic Building Fee. Adjust that in years to come?

Humberger: Yes. We’ll increase it by $25 per semester per year for four years. It’s more of an internal allocation of funds. Lump of building fees. Terry and I are available if anyone wants to set up a time to discuss fees with us.

Leist: I’ll explain the logic behind this fee. Increasing number of non-res students, state does not reimburse us for that. This will help with maintenance of our infrastructures. It will originally be for bond debt service. This would put it more into fair play of resident and nonresident contribution.

Stump: First of all, we got permission from the Commissioner’s office to look at these and use assumptions for salary increases. The administration is sensitive that anything over 2% we would like to justify to the student. As we look at salaries and benefits, we were suggested to use 3% increase on salaries, 10% on benefits. 68% of SUB budget is salaries and benefits. Supplies for fitness center: we’ll be buying products from same vendors. Industry is estimated to be up 3-4% for upcoming year, a bit more than that in the following year. 3.9% increase in budget. Maintenance costs dependent on salaries and supplies, mixture of 3 and 4% as well. Overhead: calculated off expenditures. More paper products, more cleaning supplies, budgets are going up, and overhead is going up. 93.4% of sub budget is above 3% so we’re really pushing that 2%. With the fitness center, 82% of the budget is increasing 3% or above. What to do with those fees? SUB: 2.9% increase first year, 2.82% second year. 2.9% first year, 2.97% increase second year fitness center. The student facilities project has 3 components: Debt service stream that pays off bonds we paid to do all this, $55.80 a semester. O&M going up 2.9, 2.8, 2.9, 2.97 percent. About this time four years ago, we had just finished the fitness center, the students were adamant about what it would cost to keep the center looking how it did then. Number of options: fund everything like we want to replace it in next 20 years. Two: take care of big ticket items as far into future as possible. We painted the outside of the building, roofing, heat exchange (one next year is $55,000) paint outside of building, (50-60 grand) option 3 take care of things that have to be taken care of. Chose option 2. We figured a four year ramp up. Regents wanted to keep the percentage increases down more
so we’re opting for a six year ramp up. This next biennium is year five and six, after that just inflationary increases. I’m open to questions, call me anytime.

Mitchell: Health and dental fee: similar to Tom, health service has to cover all services including salary. The assumptions we use. We use the governor’s request for pay increases 5% each year in salaries, 10% in insurance. Similar to Tom, 2/3 of expenditure is pay for employees. There will be a 2% increase for everything else. Budget will go up more than 2% overall. One other step in our process: student health advisory committee. 15-20 students. Most students are pre-med, interested in health care issues. Took this request to them, they endorsed it unanimously. There are various issues of health care costs, requests for next year and the following year. We have committed to reducing fee accordingly if the legislature doesn’t adopt the 5% increase. That would drop a couple of dollars off the fee for students. So that may move throughout spring because they don’t make any big financial decisions until the last week of the session. Find out what it is, we can adjust it. This is the most we would be. This is the best case scenario for employees. Couple of dollars difference for students would be well worth it. If they don’t pass the increase, we would lower this a bit. Feel free to email me or call me.

Latimer: IT fee increase: we’ve had discussions within this body. Good evening. I’ve had the good fortune of being at MSU for nine months. No shortage of great things we need to do here in the way of technology for the students. Significant strides in investments thus far, but we need to continue to advance for MSU to be as competitive as we need it to be. Traditionally, we’ve received funds from a number of different sources for tech improvements. The fee supplies the capital improvement fund. The computer fee funds the CFAC process. That money tends to go out more to edge, academic departments, and student labs. IT fee more the utility aspect, Wi-Fi, etc. Everyone’s enjoyed Wi-Fi improvements. This year we’ll end up spending $975,000 on Wi-Fi improvements. That will cover about one fourth of the campus. We are requesting an increase in the capital fee of 3.4%. Rowe and Vanata will tell you how we ended up there. Fund a pot of money. Students cover 1/3 for improvements, IT 1/3, other sources other 1/3. It’s a pretty fair balance of distribution. I hope you guys support it, look forward to answering questions you may have.

Townshend: Thank you all for being here and presenting. To reiterate our process, there will be a first reading of resolution tonight that blanket supports these. Over next two weeks, opportunity to discuss this a lot more and get questions answered. Next week we’ll revisit this on an informational level. Week after spring break, move into vote on resolution supporting fee increases. Thank you very much for being here.

- Budgeting Presentations
  - Arts and Exhibits – Hannah Safford
  
  Townshend: When we move into questions, please go load your presentation on computer. Brandi has been very sick. Let’s hope she gets better for her sake and ours. Getting these budgets together is not the easiest thing when she’s not here. I apologize for layouts of some of the budgets. Hannah’s requested appropriation summary in here.

  Safford: I think we can all see that number is tiny. I’m already doing you guys a massive favor. Purpose statement: important things are highlighted. I want this to enrich the environment. It’s important to our student body that we provide those extracurricular experiences. Breakdown: 3 gallery associates, work/study. I’d like to have an exhibitions executive work study starting next year in addition to arts & exhibits director. I don’t want to get too bogged down. MAGDA is a conference, bid on exhibits to come to our galleries, LED lights, art in Montana! It’s a tight knit group of people including people from the
Emerson, Missoula’s campus gallery; get to talk about student artists so they can get other shows, great way to network. Renovations: $6 under budget. Did have to spend $120 on paint. It’s the best space on campus right now. Lights are amazing, ceiling looks awesome, such a professional space. Operations: putty when people put holes in the wall, stuff like that. Most of you have come to receptions. Average of 14 shows a year, couple visiting artists this year. Sponsor Upheaval. This year the COE office took over, giving it back to us next year. Money from us goes to its own bank account, get to help 50 students or so get paid for artwork which is awesome. Reallocate money into more demos, artist talks, etc. School of art only brought in two artists this semester. We want students to hear more professional experiences before they leave. We had a few great sales this year. Make about $575 a year. Goals: services outside exit gallery, establish exhibits executive program, coordinate shows more with MT galleries, provide a juried show for individual works. I’d love to have a grad student exchange with Missoula. Juried show: school of art only one a year, 40 pieces, more than one per person, we need more, we can do better, find a way to give our artists what they need to be successful when they leave.

French: Juried show?

Safford: People submit pieces and not everything make it in. They are chosen and then there is another selection process to narrow the pieces down. People selecting pieces are professionals. We’d have a professor, someone from community, and a visiting artist.

French: Can you define difference between your position and the proposed executive?

Safford: I hold umbrella for arts and exhibits. Show every two weeks is a lot a lot of work. Things do fall through the cracks. We had issues with last poster. No details fall through the cracks, missed out on taking care of needs. I’d had to bust through working on budgeting stuff. Getting paid more to do more would be way fairer to them. Wrong name on a poster I have to figure out how to fix. Perspective: some galleries do shows once a month or every three or four weeks, the amount of shows we get in here, everyone is super impressed. Tons of students in and out of there.

Thuringer: Thank you for all you do. You put in a crazy amount of work in this position, really appreciate this, cutting budget down while adding another position. One of ASMSU’s thing to be proud of is that we offer employment for students and you are offering direct employment for them.

Vanata: Thanks for putting all your work in. I like the idea of transfer between universities. Is that budgeted for at all? What would that take?

Safford: That’s in professional consult, educational experiences area. Provide that so we can give them some money for food, gas money, etc. They can do an artist talk, demo, etc. exchange itself is experience and a work opportunity for them.

- State Leg – Mark Bond

Bond: Reiterate how nice it would be to have Brandi here. There are a few proposals. Change name of program from ASMSU Political Action Program, feel it’s more fitting to scope and goals of program. Mission statement there: work for students and represent them. We have 3 people employed: ASMSU lobbyist, political action coordinator (formerly state leg director), local government liaison. Makes more sense for ASMSU lobbyist to be program director, allow for a more effective power structure. When lobbyist is in Helena, political action coordinator can fill in at meetings. Currently have lobbyist: go to Helena during session, promote interests of MSU, work with ASMSU attorney to attract bills in offseason, keep up with political atmosphere. Any stakeholder that will have a part, we want to make sure they are constantly kept up to date, in contact with person. Two year position: hire in spring of odd
years, work during election and following leg session. $7,000 stipend in session, $4200 not in session. PAC fill in when Lobbyist in Helena. PAC: very similar to what we have now, work with ASMSU lobbyist, on campus organizer, planning events, make sure students are informed. One year position, hired in spring years, only work during elections and legislature. 10 hours a week, stipend $2800 an academic year. Local government liaison: I haven’t actually seen this position in force, not exactly sure how it’s worked in the past. Seems redundant: lots of merit. Making sure students on campus can be as plugged in as possible with local government. Job to make sure students are kept up to date on renters rights, planning events in off years on being a good neighbor, plugged in with community. They make $2800 a year and work 10hrs a week. Upcoming events: Q&A with local officials, come to do an expert panel on ways students can actually affect legislation, encourage participation, civic engagement. Another event will be a forum on some contentious issue in the next year. Almost always something happening with those. Both sides of issues, civil engaged debate, illuminate people on issue, varying nuances of issue. That will cost $100 per event.

French: The last position currently is not filled but it’s in the framework?

Bond: Yes, as it currently stands. No one is currently in the position. We have lobbyist to apply leadership and managerial style to local government liaison in off year.

Goldstein: Seems like you’re done a good job streamlining program, thank you for that.

Bond: Outlines of three positions in greater detail if you would like to see them.

Townshend: Please email me that.

Vanata: With the local government liaison, what exactly was the purpose? The good neighbor committees are so new.

Bond: I think it was there when I came in, I’m not sure. Local city council meetings, keep students involved in what is going on at the local level.

Townshend: That position was thought of after the first joint ASMSU City Council meeting two years ago. That position would work with City Council to get students on boards the city and county have. Student works specifically on local efforts to influence legislation. Thought about having them work on inspections for rental properties, things like that, but it wasn’t implemented very well. It was a supplemental request midway thought the year. Lot more could be done, more direction will be good, especially considering how much emphasis we put on neighborhood council meetings. There’s lots of potential for growth in that position.

Vanata: Like to talk to you about that later.

Bond: I’d like to hear your thoughts on renaming and restructuring of program.

Oak: Why do you feel this is a good move?

Bond: I feel SLP is too narrow, doesn’t address all issues because politics don’t end with state legislature. It’s silly to name it after a small part of political process. Making lobbyist program director makes more sense considering PAC one year position. It makes more sense that way.

- Campus Entertainment – Michael Bonde
Bonde: Gabe will help me out. I’m Michael Bonde, here to present on CE budget. I apologize, I’m an engineer so this will be short, simple, sweet. Mission statement. Provide services for students of diverse and quality entertainment Next year: sometimes we sit around and wait for performance to get on. It’s not always in our best interest to have half hour openings. I’d like to see short opening times: a max of 10 minutes before performer walks on. T-shirts were a big thing this year. Last concert and threw them out to people. Different: best advertising tools. Senators wear them. People stayed at last concert for shirts. Volunteer based would be great. We also have volunteers helping out next Thursday. 4 volunteers will help us do our job, keep program running smoothly. Hosting: we used to do sponsorship of programs. Organizations would ask for money to do this program. I want to say “let’s put on this program together. Can you host?” Come put on a performance in the ballrooms. We have resources, hook them up, get things going, and work together between two groups. New marketing campaign posters aren’t cutting it. We’ll be broadcasting this concert on radio stations, trying to get our word out there. Marketing: Use volunteers as walking billboards, use radio stations, bathroom posters, and handouts. Catapalooza: tried to compare last year, year before. Structure of budgeting has moved around a bit so it’s a little weird. Each event includes performer, PR, food, travel, etc. Catapalooza: decrease of $250, bringing in a band and doing PR, show people what CE can do. Homecoming: increase for a bigger name, PR for ourselves. Large local concerts: $6,000 for local bands like Panther Car, Cure for Common. Those are a way to give back to community. Probably one of our most important sections, we’re a student organization so our focus is on students. Large events: decrease of a grand. Large comedy show: want to bring in entertainment! Leigh lounge shows: students have loved those, staff like those as well. Those have been great for staff; they can eat lunch and they are artists they enjoy. Co-hosting: I would like it to be us hosting something with them, not just a sponsorship. We’ll do this because it will give back to students, we will all contribute which will allow us to be more successful in getting more student involvement with that. NACA: no change.

Francisco: Ontario, California next year. Exact price. Hopefully it won’t change.

Bonde: If we go, we want to have all of our dates set ahead of time so we can book people right there.

Francisco: NACA good for us as CE. Met Cas Haley. We got him for $2,000 because we block booked with other schools in our area.

Bonde: Labor staying same, changing it up a bit. I’d like to see associates focus on show quality next year. We want to make best use of space we have. Admin fees: no change, overhead (tools, machinery, sheets, PR budget)

Francisco: Also includes t-shirts, renting outside sound and lighting equipment, green room supplies, misc. , etc.

Bonde: Dropped it about $2500, decrease of $19,500 from 2 years ago. I’m really excited. Best part is it makes it easier on you.

Stiles: Where’s the foam party at?

Bonde: The foam party could fit in Cat/Griz or Homecoming. Can’t put it in budget because it isn’t totally set yet.

Thuringer: Thanks for being here. How many concerts does your large concert cover?

Francisco: 2.
Bonde: One in spring, one in fall hopefully. Includes warm up bands, hopefully local bands.

Oak: Thank you, Michael, Gabe, awesome work so far. I’m curious about the goal of organizations hosting events with you. Could you throw a few other examples at me?

Bonde: Kiah came to me yesterday and said she wants to put on a play. We want to diversify this. White house project, LI comes to us, Sustained Dialogues comes to us. With the movie from Toy Soldier Productions, we just gave them money. We want to be more involved in that and get more students out to that. We want to put on activities and events for students because they want to see them.

Stiles: Concerned with NACA line item. It’s a low number and we want to make sure we’re budgeting for the correct number. This is important. It seems low for students. Looking more at upwards of 5 or 6 thousand.

Francisco: I came up with this because I had added these. That’s all I can say. It includes 4 tickets, 2 rooms, NACA registration, food, a rental car. We won’t actually need a rental car because our hotel is right across street from airport.

   ○ Public Relations – Isaac Hunter

Hunter: Mission statement: promote all ASMSU programs, activities, and events. Goals: centralize ASMSU branding. Eliminate program specific logos. That would present a more holistic approach. Merge all excess Facebook pages. Pro, Exit, CE all have separate pages. Want students to identify ASMSU as a brand whole and what we do. Complicated but I think we can do it. Complete a media packet. This is everything we can do, contact to do a radio ad, radio upstairs, Ask Us announcement, things like that. More creative campaigns, guerrilla advertising, increase Facebook followers by fall. Budget includes payroll for the director, graphic designer, 2 associates. It’s 60-75% of budget. Buzz: biweekly, really easy. $800 a year. Senate Promotion is $370. I would like to expand that, get people to know who their senators are earlier in year. This includes all business cards, promotional items. Just got snow scrapers. Most of this is bought at the end of the year for the upcoming year. Get through orientation, MSU Friday, etc. Most of the stuff was purchased in June from last year’s budget. General advertising: open houses, WTF? Listening sessions, etc. Last: overhead.

French: What’s the guerilla advertising?

Hunter: We are expanding beyond print advertising. Eric for elections: webinar with other campuses and learned things at NACA. Ex: for elections, have two candidates in a boxing ring in middle of mall from 11:50-12:10 on a Wednesday. Have VP candidates in corner coaching them. Come coach us on how to be your next ASMSU president. Pick who will win at this website. Interactive. Flash mobs are an example.

Lamm: Thanks for all the work you do. The computer screens are awesome. Is there potential for a videographer? That could help with the ASMSU videos, graphic design work, etc.

Hunter: We talked about it. None of us have experience with it. When the associates need to look for someone new we’ll see if we can find someone who has those skills in using equipment, editing, illustrator. Ally and Sheila and Levi are great; just don’t have experience with that kind of work.

Thuringer: Thanks for being here. I know you helped out with tailgating. Is that something that came out of your budget?

Hunter: Actually came out of spirit, work with them to promote that.
Vanata: Looking at bobcat buzz. Is it in the dorms at all?

Hunter: No. It’s not our space. Res Life uses that space. We email it out to all students, don’t want to spend the printing costs when we’re emailing it out anyway. Focus mainly on SUB. Email it out is doubling up already.

Vanata: I’d be interested on what the cost might be.

Hunter: Talk to me and we can do exact price.

- Unfinished Business

French: Move to put Referendum 2 to the top of the agenda.

Seconded by Stevens.

Townshend: We will move REF2 to top of unfinished business.

- 2013-REF-2 Support for Intramural Fee Increase
  - Joshua Stevens, Luke Howard

French: Move to put Referendum 2 to the top of the agenda.

Seconded by Stevens.

Townshend: We will move REF2 to top of unfinished business.

Vanata: Move to a five minute recess.

Seconded by Howard.

French: I would prefer to use Steve since he’s here. Break out after.

French: Move to take from table REF2.

Seconded by Stevens.

Vote: 16/0/0.

Townshend: Quick note: in packet of stuff. First is original proposal, second is amended version from sponsors. Will have to be a motion to move.

Stevens: Before we get into amendments, I’d like to state intent. Right now there are 6 main reasons, needs. 1. Club sports are rapidly growing in number, better rankings nationally. Start to see budgets getting too large for students to handle. Clubs expected to double in size. Problem if we don’t have support for that. Current structure will not adequately meet needs. Operating budgets are over $50,00 already which is larger than most departments on campus in the hands of students that don’t always have adequate financial capabilities. Erickson and Caires want this. Clubs want this. Fulfill these needs? This referendum: help make club sports teams sustainable, prosperous in the future. Solving the stated needs I just said. Help with rapid growth, managing budgets. Allow future growth of clubs, allow them to become top sports teams in region and nation. It would also be a point of reference for clubs and university to communicate both ways. Input on that.

Stiles: Great piece of legislature. Now is time to do this. Uncertainty in some minds as to timing. Right direction. It may not be perfect but now is the time to move forward with this to let these guys know we
have their back to give them support. I stand behind this fully. I urge you all to do the same. I move to approve.

Townshend: We’re already in discussion of this referendum.

Dove: Student fees are super touchy. I don’t like any raising of student fees. I talked to a bunch of people, including Mandy St. Aubyn, and got the numbers of people involved in club sports. Lots more people in these club sports than I thought. Her numbers are lower than what is probably real. I think it’s a really good thing. Dollar isn’t a big deal.

McKay: I do support this position. Everyone knows I’m a huge advocate for student clubs. I love them to pieces. I don’t feel like this has come to us completely and wholly in the fashion it should be for us to be making decisions like this. I understand the timing. This conversation started over the summer and if that’s something they wanted to move forward with, should have come to us sooner, and better developed. Not our fault. I don’t want people voting because we’re under a time constraint. I talked to the hockey president today. Will is a great guy. He says that this could be beneficial however he’s a little hesitant to see his officials voting on something that wasn’t fully developed yet. Committee street team, fell apart, we had to talk to everyone involved, budget was eaten up, wasn’t successful. HPTC seemed like a great idea, didn’t have a clear idea of where it was going, fell apart within first month. I love this idea. I really, really do. I do not want to move forward in this fashion. Fees are a permanent thing. My suggestion is to look into alternate ways to make this happen in the next year. We have a very healthy supplemental fund. Mandy has expressed an interest in having OAE help out. Develop it more fully and then decide this is worthwhile, it’s been beneficial, talk to them, love to move forward with it, then we can start taxing students for it. Will said he was upset no one came to talk to him about that. Something so directly related to what he does wasn’t even brought before him, being decided upon without his input whatsoever. There are ways we can do this without passing this fee that would be very worthwhile. Not in this method, mode, fashion. Encourage you to think on your responsibility as senators. It is your duty to talk to constituents. If you haven’t talked to many, you shouldn’t vote. If you haven’t talked to presidents of clubs, you shouldn’t vote on this. Look at this. Talk to people. Look at long term effect. I know it is just a dollar. As senator Dove said, those start to stack up. The precedent this sets for future leadership positions and in student’s minds can be very dangerous. Think on your efforts to see how this referendum will affect your constituents. If you’ve done a lot of research, vote yeas. Good job. I don’t feel this is the best way to get this completed.

Howard: Jeff Hix is facility manager and intramural sports coordinator. Facilities manager is a full time job in and of itself. Creating another position is combing two potions. Making intramurals better managed, someone who has time to work on it. Intramurals affect 4000 students which is a fair amount of our constituency. There are some club sports that are operating huge budgets, some clubs have hardly any money, hard to manage, both groups in equal need of financial advisement. We can’t just assume this will automatically go through. See what constituents really think about it. Haven’t done homework, shame on you. We tabled this for another week for you to do work. If you didn’t you shouldn’t be a senator. We had an RSF meeting and discussed it there. Move to amend current referendum to amended version.

Seconded by Lamm.

Townshend: We will take two minutes for everyone to read that.
Stevens: Slight error on line 25. I’ll move to strike insert name here and replace manager of sports facilities and with intramural director.

Seconded by McKay.

Rowe: I’m looking at 32 and 33, it’s pretty explicitly said throughout document, motion to strike 32 and 33.

Townshend: Discussion is on the amendment right now.

Rowe: Never mind.

Vote: 17/0/0.

Townshend: Amendment to amendment passes.

McKay: One of sponsors. Line 27 it states that RSF allocated $25,000. Is $25,000 necessary for creation of position? RSF supplied, why are we raising the fee?

Howard: Position would be $50,000. We’re splitting costs.

McKay: I don’t feel that is clearly communicated in this document.

Erickson: That includes benefits. Salary would be in the 33-36 range.

McKay: You have 25k, we need another 25k, 15 of which comes from fee increases.

Howard: $1 would bring in 25k.

McKay: If it’s $1 per semester, did we do the math on how that works out exactly? In my mind we have 30k now.

Howard: If we did $1 per year, 13,000. $1 per semester is $26,000 per fiscal year.

Stevens: We took estimated number for fiscal year 2014.

McKay: I’d like to see an amendment by sponsors to make that more clear, $50,000 a year. Line 27 and line 30 don’t communicate that clearly.

French: POI. Is this for our benefit? The language will be more clear and concise on ballot. I don’t see point.

McKay: I don’t get it. All of our documents are out there. Public records, shouldn’t put something out that doesn’t clearly communicate with each other.

Stevens: I’m getting recency.

McKay: It’s still my floor. Amend line 30: “Whereas the remaining 25k would come from a fee increase” change 25k to 50k.

Seconded by Thuringer.

Howard: Move to make amendment to amendment.
Townshend: You can only go two levels up. Two amendments on table right now. Best way. Move back down to main motion, make amendments upon that.

Rowe: Thank you. Erica, I like what you are trying to do. I think the wording could be more readable. Something along the lines of “an additional $25,000 is necessary from student fees to fund the positions” would be beneficial.

Move to previous question.

Seconded by Howard.

Vote: 17/0/0.

Previous question: 1/15/0. One abstention: Marshall.

Amendment to amendment fails.

Howard: Move to make an amendment. On line 30, replace “a balance of” with “whereas an additional 25k is necessary from student fees to fund the creation of this position.”

Seconded by Schaff.

Reid: Question of privilege.

Vote on amendment to amendment: 16/0/0.

Thuringer: I have issues with line 12. Shouldn’t that read director of club and intramural sports to stay consistent with wording? Propose amend line 1 to: “Whereas it is necessary to create director of club and intramural sports at MSU.”

Seconded by Rowe.

McKay: Question for body. Line 6 is also falsely stated?

Howard: No because line 6 is just club sports coordinator as its own individual position, line 12 is combination of two positions.

Vote: 14/0/0. Three abstentions: Reid, French, Stevens.

Townshend: I’m doing my best to keep track of recency. We will continue with senator French.

French: Move to previous question to whole document so we can talk about document.

Seconded by Howard.

Vote: 17/0/0.

Amendment Vote: 17/0/0.

Townshend: Discussion on main motion as amended. Changes line 12, 30, 25, 40.

Vanata: The point of referendum to bring to ballot so students can vote on it. I mentioned this last week. Not sure why it didn’t change. 1,2, 35, 36 state that this body is in support of dollar increase. We want to make sure this is unbiased in this body’s intent. I am concerned with that.
Lamm: Every person I’ve talked to has been in support of this and also are concerned. See Jeff Hix, see how spread out he is, he seems super awesome and I’d hate to lose him. I think because of that it’s necessary. It’s a student’s choice question. Let students make own decision. Remember this is the main course of involvement through college career for many students. Any way we can support them in that is great, recognized as such.

Rowe: As senators, our duty to hash this out right now. I think we can do that. I want this to get through with everyone’s support. Make motion to recess for five minutes.

Seconded by Howard.

Vote: 10/7/0.

Townshend: Return from recess. Everyone take your seats.

French: Clarify: I was the only senator around for street team ordeal. That was spur of the moment. To clarify, I don’t feel that has any correlation with current positions. This would be under Steve, already kind of there, expanded, issues with management and oversight and budgeting don’t exist with this situation. This body does not make a decision. Just like last time: giving students opportunity. We are not making decisions. Point also brought up for last referendum. We need as neutral as possible verbiage on ballot.

Thuringer: I have a few issues. First: line 8-10, agreement issues which leads me to one of my other points. If we make a referendum, these should be pristine. That shows we are taking this with the utmost seriousness. Even if it’s just a dollar, going through this with a fine toothed comb. Amend line 9.

Townshend: Our secretary asked that you stop whispering because it is distracting.

Thuringer: This is a good idea. Creating this position is a great idea. As Senate VP McKay stated, a decision like this takes time. It is the week before voting happens. We should have been looking at this in January. It is not fair to students that this is part of our decision making. If it doesn’t pass tonight, it won’t go on ballot. We shouldn’t even be thinking about that. This has become more about deadline than student fees. I trust Erickson, Caires. They won’t let this turn into street team. This would instill a tax for a position that hasn’t been created yet and hasn’t fully come into fruition. Regardless of whether or not this referendum is for us, we need to consider our responsibility is to look at this as closely as possible. We haven’t explored every option. Lots of funding options this position could temporarily see. Raising a fee should be a last resort. Move to amend line 9 to: “MSU Strategic Plan which states by 2019”, doesn’t flow.

Townshend: Can I get verbal consent on this?

Stiles: There’s a lot of discussion about street team. This is nothing like street team. This body approved a program without a budget. This legislation has a purpose, has a budget, no way will it turn into street team. I think this is bureaucracy at its best. Lots of people put a lot of time toward this effort. We don’t want to send the message that we aren’t informed. When we passed the referendum to increase club funding, no one did any research. We didn’t know who could have funded it because no one wanted to step up to plate. This is a slippery slope, dangerous preference. We came to a consensus as a body and that point, it became the decision of the students. We all have to look deeply into what we thought back then and what we are thinking now. No personal references, inferring things that don’t apply. Reiterate that this may not be perfect at present time but I think over time it will become. We have to get moving,
work on it. We’re still working out a few programs and we can’t wait 3 years to put them in place because it might not work out quite right the first time. Disservice to student body, not allowing them to ramp up our programs based on student concerns. I want a decision tonight yes or no. We owe it to the student body to stop pushing this off. Get everyone on table. Discuss options, come to conclusion tonight, important to move forward.

Vanata: I’d like to echo Senate VP McKay. Full support of this position. Really excited about it, reached out to lots of people, rugby, constituents, Caires, Erickson. I’m excited for the potential it has. Disappointed it wasn’t there earlier. We want to collaborate with students and have the right people at table. This would be phenomenal and powerful for club sports and teams. Body pressured by time. This position can still be created with if we take some time and do it in a more positive way. Spur of moment idea. Why don’t we hand some of this off to club sports, divide between them. Some of them are all gung ho about it. Why aren’t they here to decide on this, be a part of discussion? There’s a lack of clarity on what the position will be doing. We have a rough draft for job description. Go to clubs; ask what they want to see. Something tailored uniquely to here and they can have however long they need to come up with that. They would look highly on ASMSU for helping to facilitate that discussion. Even offering something like that is a great idea. Time doesn’t have to be against us in this situation. That biased as well as some discrepancy concerns me. I’ll be amending that. I met with Steve. There are some models out there, manuals done by clubs sports. We could take the opportunity to look at those as well. We are the voice of our constituents and we want to support them as well as we can. Time doesn’t need to be a negative thing. We can keep it away from student fees as well. Thank you.

Howard: It’s hypocritical for us to think we’re bring pressured into this. We should’ve discussed it more last week. This position is important. For those who support it, pretty clear who does, harped on benefits from it. RD job description, it does outline what position will do. Because this position combines intramural and club sports, both of which are fees under ASMSU, makes no sense that we should put this funding burden on anyone but ASMSU. Not entirely closed off to the idea, but it’s inappropriate. Yield to senator Vanata.

Vanata: Move to amend lines 1,2, to strike “for an” and to add “to express support to place increase of...”

Townshend: POI. By doing that, that’s what students are going to vote on, an addition of this to the ballot.

Vanata: This is a public document, this is going to the Bozeman Chronicle, lots of people will be reading this that we are supporting this.

Townshend: We’re not saying this body is supporting the increase.

Vanata: Who is ASMSU?

Townshend: This is the discussion we had with the student fee increase. It depends on who you define ASMSU. As senate, what you’re saying makes more sense. ASMSU is ASMSU members almost 14,000 students, different definition. The way I read it is that this ASMSU members. As this goes on ballot board, they will vote on this wording. Vote on whether or not it should e included on spring ballot seems counterintuitive. It will be included as a nonbiased paragraph description. Written by me, unbiased, they will vote on that and we are voting on this.
Vanata: This is a public document. People read it, it goes to the Exponent. Quoted in intent, can be misconstrued. This body supports this.

Townshend: What I’d recommend is to express support of Members of ASMSU which means activity fee paying students. That will define who supports it.

Vanata: Yield to floor. Come back to me.

Howard: I’d like to yield my time to Senator Rowe.

Townshend: That is not how that is meant to be used. Rowe you were next to speak.

Rowe: Move to strike like 32 and 33, already explicitly stated in above document.

Seconded by Howard.

Lamm: disagree with amendment. Reinstatement of that makes statement stronger and sums it all up. Like it as written.

Reid: Echo that. Makes it a lot more clear.

Thuringer: Shooting for clarity here, won’t be totally explicit that that’s what this fee increase is for. Could put money toward something else. It’s totally explicit.

Goldstein: I’d like to agree with Senator Thuringer. Clarity issue. Move to previous question.

Seconded by Rowe.

Vote: 17/0/0.

Vote on amendment strike 32, 33: 0/17/0.

Motion to amend fails.

McKay: I’d like to talk on the last referendum. There have been a lot of comments comparing the two which is very responsible of this body. Comments made inside and outside meetings that hardly enough research was done. I would like to personally guarantee you that this was something that had a lot of time put into it. One comment I want to make sure we understand is that we are elected officials and with that comes a trust that is instilled in our positions. We are going to put the time and effort to go over these things with a fine-toothed comb, work it all out. It is not our constituents’ job to worry about that. We don’t want to send the message that “I know there are a lot of implications but go ahead and vote.” Our job as government is to make sure we’re developing programs and presenting them with something developed. Think about that as one of your duties. If we send referendums to students, we need to make sure we know they can be carried through and not just put into action. I trust Erickson, Caires. Role models, mentors on campus. Complete faith in them. Haven’t spent time, talked to enough constituents. Our role as an elected official is to make sure all kinks are working out so we don’t have students vote on something we haven’t fully worked out.

Schaff: I want to express I’m a little disappointed in this body. Eyes rolled, scoffs, huffs, throwing hands up in air, eye contact, talk across tables. Not how a student body should act. While I do admire passion, I feel that we are taking it a little too personally. At times we want what’s best but sometimes I think we want to pick a bit of a fight. Take a few seconds, take a breather, we’re looking to see what ‘s best for
this, taking sides of an argument, not tug o ward on the playground. Be courteous, respect wishes, not whispering while others are talking.

Oak: I feel Like Rip van Winkle, I’ve been waiting for so long. Lot of concern and I’ve had a chance to talk to constituents, etc. One person I have not had a chance to talk to is Steve Erickson. There seems to be a lot of concern about proper management. Bad things happen, it will not be nuclear holocaust. You’ve been running the gym successfully for...?

Erickson: 8 years.

Oak: How much will this new position work in tandem with you?

Erickson: He/she will be one of my direct reports.

Oak: So there’s some accountability there?

Erickson: Yes.

Oak: We don’t have to worry about that.

Erickson: Yes.

Oak: Senators have worked with you to develop intent, work with you as well, you understand that as well?

Erickson: Correct. I know what a club sports director needs to do. I’ll share with them 20 years of direct club sport experience.

Oak: If the body would indulge me a bit. I am a new senator. I may be blowing air. My understanding of this position is that we create policy, sometimes create positions. We do not directly have a hand in how those positions are oversaught. From where I stand, direct need for this. Though this bill is vague, we’ve got a guy here who seems to be taking care of technical stuff.

Reid: I think this position is important. Lots of people would benefit from it. Hasn’t been this position since 2008 when positions were combined. Delaying this won’t be a big deal. We’re acting as if we have to get it on this ballot or this guy will keel over and die. More responsible for us to wait for potentially next year, good document, pass it then.

Stevens: Echo Oak: we do need to realize that Erickson came to us. This is a year or two in the making. Brought this to MSU, experience at Dartmouth and Emory. We’ve seen this position do great things for those schools. He sees this need here at the university. We’re talking about a dollar. Senate VP McKay, I understand your concerns about dollar, so I’m going to provide justification for that dollar. Talking from my stance as a club sports athlete, talking to hesitation of club sports athletes, it’s very hard for us to function here at the university. Every club sport has same hesitancy because in that past, the relationship with the university hasn’t been just “use our field” but because the university creates red tape. Not healthy, nourishing path to establish organizations. Other schools have great programs. RSF is largely exposed in this school, roughly 3000 students a day walking in. RSF is important because this is a way for people looking to play club sports and get involved. This was brought up in February, maybe it would have been better in January but the education isn’t hard to get. We brought this on the table and it needs to come to fruition because a referendum passed a month ago doubling funding to sports, huge flush of money, we need to have
oversight of those new funds. This isn't a bad thing. There really aren't any negative effects to this for club sports teams. Won't be instituting new rules, just people to help enforce policies and help with finances. There are no negative effects. Regulations will be from RSO, in addition to the job description. It's there. Maybe that will enlighten you. We need to talk to constituents, reeducate ourselves. This is a policy that lets constituents have a vote on this legislation. With that, Senator Reid said maybe we should wait hesitantly stepping on this and that, afraid of our images. Need to represent students in best possible way, give them opportunity to vote on the legislature. Only reasonable vote is to give the decision to the constituents. This should go on the ballot.

Stiles: PO: Can you yield it in front of the house?

Schaff: Parliamentary Inquiry: Do we need to pass this with a 2/3 vote or a majority?

Townshend: It needs the majority to be on ballot so half of Senate.

Marshall: There have been a lot of opinions going around this room tonight. Great to see French and Stevens, so passionate about getting this passed, involved with constituents, RSF. Erickson, thanks for coming, sorry you have to sit through this. Look at constituents: they will have the opportunity to vote on this. This body came to that point when I interviewed to be a senator. This is something that involves them. Whether or not his passes tonight, or by student vote, there are other ways this position can come to be. VP McKay is right. We can find other ways. Right now, think about your constituent, not your own images. That's what you're here for.

O'Donoghue: This is my first huge senate meeting. Lot of hesitance from both sides, other side feels really certain about things. Where does certainty come from? Not a lot of clarification for how this will work in future. We have some representation of constituents but there is a really big lack of that. The people it will directly affect haven't all been directly involved. Could be a good idea to put on ballot, not quite clear. Potential: anything that goes on ballot is really clean and pristine and work for sure and I'm not sure that this body has the certainty to put it on the ballot if we know constituents will vote thinking we have certainty. If this goes on the ballot, it's so important for each of us to contact every club involved, go to their practices, and urge them to vote. That is our responsibility. We must have lots of info about what they are voting on when we go to clubs to inform them.

Stiles: It is time sensitive. Voting is next week. We owe it to body to make decisions. I know there will be a vote that will happen tonight. There is one option I will recommend at the end of my speech to the chairman. One: limit debate to five more minutes. Two: filibuster session to do so. We have postponed this for weeks long enough. Step up and make decision. May disagree but this needs to happen. Limit debate for an additional five minutes. Move to immediate vote.

Townshend: We will need a 2/3 vote for this. Thank you, Senator Stiles for the awesome spark notes sheet.

Seconded by Dove.

Vote 15/2/0.

Townshend: Debate limited for five minutes.

Howard: What I have to say is not even pertinent. I’m interested to hear more from people who haven’t talked as much. McKay, Vanata, myself, Stevens have dominated conversation. I’d be interested to hear from Senator Smith, Senator Schaff, some people who haven’t talked much. I agree with O'Donoghue
that we really should put it to a vote to constituents. There’s only so many constituents you can really talk to about this. Not doing our whole constituency justice unless we put it on the ballot. As Stevens said, some club sports rely on ASMSU funding. Hypothetically, if club funding goes through, it would be advantageous to have position to help advise them on how best to use their money. It’s fiscally irresponsible to not create this position because there is the potential for a huge waste of student fees. This is hypothetical because it hasn’t gone thorough. We need to get it on the ballot. No time like the present. These are groups that we fund ourselves. See what happens. Throw caution to the wind.

Smith: I’m definitely concerned. Hockey team is a main sport and wasn’t informed on this. That’s a problem. They would benefit directly. Concerned about it, I’m definitely concerned. We could get funding elsewhere. We did just put on ballot to increase things RSO, they could draw from that fund. Test run, could use it as a test fund. Then slip by with a fee. Put a fee on something not tested on ballot I don’t agree with. I support looking for other funding, especially since we’ve just proposed to double fees.

Thuringer: This is not a trust issue between us and Erickson or Caires or Hix or crippling clubs or RSO. This is about whether or not it is responsible to raise a fee for a position that hasn’t’ been created yet.

Vanata: Our constituents trust us not to put just anything to ballot. We know we’re not knowledgeable enough. We can’t bring ballot if we can’t be sure how knowledgeable we are about this issue.

Lamm: Good to put on ballot. Wait until next year, new senate, whole new conversation. This is our responsibility.

Dove: We’re not making this fee. The position is tried and tested by Erickson in two other schools. We’re just putting it on ballot then talking to sports teams to let them decide what they need.

Vote: 12/5/0. Referendum passes.

Townshend: Erickson, thanks for being here. Have a good night.

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

Boss second reading of 2013-R-11 by Senate President Michael Townshend.

French: Move to approve.

Stiles: Second.

Stevens: I have so many things to say on this. I’m joking.

Townshend: That was very out of order.

Stiles: Previous question.

Vote: 16/0/0.

- New Business
  - 2013-R-10 Support for Capital IT Income Plan
    - Steve Rowe, 

First reading of 2013-R-10.
Stiles: Would the chairman like a breath of air?

Townshend: No.

- 2013-R-12 Indexing of ASMSU Fees
  - Lukas Smith, Cara Thuringer, Eric Oak
  First reading of 2013-R-12.

- 2013-R-13 MSU Mandatory Fee Increases
  - Michael Townshend, Erica McKay

Townshend: This resolution is in regard to discussion with presenters with fee increases. It is meant to get senate aware of it. Won't be voted on until week after spring break. Make changes from discussion from next two weeks. Dash lines are there because we don't know yet which fees need to be supported, not supported.

McKay: POI: Res 10 included in Res13 intentionally?

Townshend: Yes. It’s to further reinforce its importance.

- Admin Reports
  - President – Kiah Abbey
  Townshend: I will be giving all of the admin reports with the exception of Senate VP McKay’s. University Food Service will be having an open house to discuss dining hall renovations March 5 from 6-7. Cool to have senators go there, especially ones on the UFS advisory board. If you’re going to the BofR, contact Kiah ASAP. Who’s going to BofR? 5 people? I’ve been told various things about people getting back from Rotunda Day.

Cara: I’m staying at BofR.

Schaff: Want to be home for meeting.

Oak will also be back before senate.

Rowe: Depends on ride situation.

Erica: Planning on being back.

French: I’m not sure.

Townshend: I’m trying to get this figured out. Rotunda, MAS, BoR, Chasing Ice, Emancipator, so much happening! Just make sure you are where you need to be. I’ll be in touch with you about plans for senate next week. Plan on it here, 6pm unless I let you know otherwise.

Vanata: Do we have quorum for next week?

Townshend: It’s majority, so we need 11. We will have that. Unless everyone plans on going to Maui. OAE has a new receptionist search committee. Anyone interested?

Stiles: I’m all over that.

- Vice-President – Lindsay Murdock
Townshend: Mid-semester evals are happening for program directors. Feedback for PD, talk to Lindsey. Vann: doing a great job with elections, senators getting word out! Voting is next week and it will be great for senate to promote that as much as possible. Thank you Dove and Marshall for helping out at debate today, and everyone else who’s been a part of it. I hope it goes smoothly, cleanly, and everyone votes. CE needs volunteers to work dining halls for Emancipator tables, volunteers for the show. If you’re interested, talk to Lindsey. Go to Rotunda Day, BorR, let everyone know: Kiah, Lindsey, and me. There’s a new show in Exit Gallery next week. No quote.

Business Manager – Lauren Jackson

Townshend: We just received new lights for productions. Pretty cool, a bit intense for me personally (that was me). All programs are below budget, revenue targets are all expected to meet budgets except for CE. This is why budgets must be closely watched. CE was expecting $8,000 of revenue to pay for the expense for shows. Please consider this when reviewing budgets for near. Don’t simply skip budgets; look at them thoughtfully and considerately.

Senate President – Michael Townshend

Townshend: Stevens and Macy and I were at classroom committee meeting which decides when classrooms get renovated. Teal classrooms are going in across campus. Pretty cool. There will be an open house in Gaines 143 from 12-1, 3:30-5. The Wilson one will be done for first summer session. For whose utilize Cheever, CHV215, we discussed the state of chairs. We will replace next summer, full remodel, $400,000-$500,000. Day of student recognition is coming up. Apply by Friday March 8th. Applications are at Montana.edu/engagement. Even though this meeting was long and almost filibuster, thanks for hanging in there.

Stiles threw papers on floor.

Townshend: It almost seemed like that but it wasn’t. it was better than our federal government! I appreciate your comment, Senator Schaff.

Round of applause for Schaff, what a boss.

Townshend: Keep that in mind through rest of semester. Have a positive attitude toward whole process so we are good advocates for students.

Senate Vice President – Erica McKay

McKay: Way to be on reading those resolutions so quickly. I’d also like to give a shout out to Senator Schaff. I personally apologize if I did that. Thanks for holding us to high standards. Thanks for taking care of presentations, Senator Thuringer. Thanks Rose for being awesome like always. I feel like I’m giving an Oscar speech. Send pics to Isaac. Get ‘em in so we have a great slide show. We had a supplemental for finance board, didn’t have adequate info. Won’t be to you till after Spring Break. Tons of time to think on it which is really cool. We had our first Mass funding workshop today. Lots of clubs showed up which should make for a more eloquent, efficient application process. Encourage clubs, colleagues, peers to apply because we want to give money to the most qualified individuals. PTAC. Exciting. The budget is on track for marinating parking lots. Resolution in support of improvements is on the president’s level. It passed all committees and councils. Send her an email that this is great and we love this. Hear about that soon. We’ll see direct improvements this summer and in the fall as well. South field house lot gets paved, will be regarded no matter what. Install lights on the west side of the stadium parking lot. We’ve been getting requests from tailgaters. Come next week and be really prepared and then get a whole week of break.
Townshend: I forgot something about mandatory fees. Pay special attention to one on backside of agenda. Fees go across fees, go down by prices. Some are graduated based on credits. At 12 and up, it’s that flat fee. Make sense? Right below is fy14, fy15. Note proposed increases. Rate is total payment students would make. Some have low dollar increase but large percent. That’s why I invited them to talk about ones they did. The ones that are higher: 6%, 4%, 3%, 55% for nonresident building fees. Questions: route you to other people. Don’t want to clog inbox. Note FY15 in same manner. Vote on both years.

Vanata: We’re not voting, we’re writing a resolution of support. We’re posing questions and I’m concerned. It’s the same with this referendum. People aren’t doing homework. I don’t know and I’ll hear opposition that people are going to go and actually look at these increases. Create a system to divvy it up, bring info back to body?

Townshend: At large senators get this. Colleges, you have to look at specific course fees.

Stiles: I’ll do it but I don’t want to be babysat.

Townshend: On you guys to do this. At large senators, please coordinate efforts to do this. Please pay attention.

McKay: Are we approving budgets for both years by passing this resolution?

Townshend: I believe the way it was written it’s both years.

McKay: I have a very close working relationship with Terry Leist. I was going to meet with him personally. If you’d like to send me any questions, you can send those my way. Personal conversation about these after funding board.

Vanata: Could the group meet in the office? I’d like to bond, go to meeting like that.

Thuringer: Are you opening that up to us?

McKay: One meeting where we ask all questions so we don’t have to plug up his inbox, have seven meetings, most efficient.

Townshend: Laura Humberger will come back next week to answer questions so you better have questions.

McKay: Terry or Laura or both will meet with us after funding board. Get questions to me by Tuesday at 5 so I can still ask questions if you can’t make it. I will have Laura there as well.

Townshend: Back to budget packet. Look it over. It looks like the same thing but it’s different. This is Gallatin College, but we don’t represent them. Realize that. Note that.

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French: Facilities came and presented new Hedges Suite. Growing toward sky. I talked the foreman into giving me a tour and it’s quite the facility. LEED standard during construction phases too. No smoking, lunches, anything on site so there’s no pollution in building. Really nice. Also: I talked to Ryan Deihl. I’m not his liaison but I’d like to add that if possible. I went to talk to him about what he’ planning on doing following finance board as budget was brought up. What he plans on upgrading, where he wants to take program in next few years, told me about strategic plan, would love to have him talk to all of us. Also, I have informed Eric that as soon as ballot is finalized, I’d like to see it, by Monday I hope.
Townshend: It’s due tomorrow.

French: I’ll like a copy of finalized verbiage as soon as possible. I will read them the ballot and tell them. I am in class with other 450 people. Do that, you’d have 10% more like 25-30% of student population end up hearing someone talk. Hard time believing instructors wouldn’t let us do that.

Hoard: RSF board met yesterday. Nothing terribly exciting. Activity classes got approved for this summer. Two running classes and a volleyball class. RSF doesn’t have to keep going back to the registrar and the provost to keep getting them reapproved every year.

Vanata: Mentioned University Athletic committee. Meet 2x semester. Time for you to let me know if you have anything you want me to bring up. They are proposing another million dollar support from university. Article in paper. Ask me questions. With our programs, I think as a leadership initiative we tend to sit down, quick snapshot what we’re doing. Send gratitude toward them. Do a lot of work, listen to what we say, what we want. Thank you cards in cubby. Don’t need postage for on campus mail. Grab one and write one to liaison programs.

Townshend: I think that’s a good idea. On same note, I appreciate all who sent me updates on programs. Before spring break would be ideal.

Thuringer: Senator Smith, myself, and Blake have been working on a smart buildings initiative. We could use help with getting info about that into hands of students. Come ask us if you’re interested. And then go ahead and talk to friends.

Romney is getting funding from long range building plan. LEED certified, new roof, minor brick work, entire building AD accessible, increase bathrooms, including family bathrooms, custodial services, student centered building. Top 2 floors same, wood floor the same, bottom floors ripped out and put into usable space. Pending leg approval but the intention seems to be to moving forward regardless.

French: I’m on Romney committee, haven’t heard that.

Townshend: Let’s revisit that please.

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Marshall: Thanks to those who came to debate. Videos are online so watch for yourself. It would be great to ask professors for 2 min to tell students about election. We want to talk to those involved in club sports and talk to constituents, in class is a great way to do that. My professors let me do that. I’m sending around a signup sheet for tabling on Tuesday and Wednesday. Tuesday was horribly planned. Thank you to Dani who almost missed class for table. Rowe and Smith may not be best idea because of conflict of interest but ig you’re free, please sign up for time to table. Vagina Monologues is at 6pm in the Pro.

Stevens: Formally invite ASMSU to Cat/Griz lacrosse next Friday, nationally ranked club team 4pm in the stadium.

Vanata: Saturday our rivals will be here for Cat/Griz basketball. Wear your name tags if you want. Now that the referendum has been passed, we’re in a time crunch to inform clubs of what’s going on. There’s lots they don’t know. Love if we could meet really quickly after the meeting. I ran into Erickson in the hall. Let’s meet after the meeting to talk about how we might go about getting the word out so club sports aren’t like what’s this about? IT increase: come ask us questions. Fee increase wasn’t original
proposal. Wondering why? Rowe and myself have been involved in the discussion and have insight into other fees that are receiving questions.

Thuringer: POI: referendum has to be approved by Kiah?

Townshend: Not according to our current bylaw structure.

McKay: But she does have the ability to veto any legislature?

Townshend: Fuzzy area. She can’t keep something from student vote.

Reid: Move to adjourn.

Seconded by O’Donoghue.

• Meeting Adjourned at 10:00pm.