ASMSU Senate Minutes – February 7\textsuperscript{th}, 2013
SUB 235

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- Call Meeting to Order at 6:00 pm
- Roll Call
- Review Previous Minutes
  - January 31\textsuperscript{st}, 2013

Move to approve by French.

Seconded by McKay.

- Public Comment
- Presentations
  - Title IX – Diane Letendre
    Townshend: Diane had to reschedule. We’ll go into a presentation by Dani Clark via Skype.
  - Legislative Session – Dani Clark
    Clark: Hi! I have been pretty busy out here. I can’t even tell you how many bills I have going on right now. With most of these, I’m meeting with legislators, writing emails, and doing lots of networking with other lobbyists. I’ve been meeting lots of people from those connections, which really helps in the long run to get votes. I’ll overview the bills I’m lobbying on right now. HB2: General Appropriations Act. This has to do with budgeting and is very important for MSU. This would cover the tuition increase. HB5 is the Long Range Building Act that provides money for the Romney Renovations. HB14 is the Bonding Program. Now is a great time for bonding, borrowing money. HB13 is the state employee pay plan that affects staff and faculty at MSU. HB30 has been in the news a lot, revising voter registration laws. Late registration laws. Would affect lots of people, elderly, people with disabilities. Make it hard for lots of people to vote. HB316 Colleen brought to my attention. Fuel tax revenue to provide local transportation. Some could be put aside for Late Night, Streamline in Bozeman. SB206 Electronic Voter Registration. SB195 revising laws protecting privacy of job applicants, employees, on social media. Looking into adding student’s privacy as well. These are the bills I’m actively participating in. I’m working, finding more information, lobbying, etc. I’m keeping an eye on HB240. Discusses gun rights on campus, newspaper censorship. Don’t be worried about this bill. Hasn’t gone to committee yet. Not changing any laws with gun rights or anything like that but we need to watch it. If it passes, it’s an unnecessary statute we already have in place in the Board of Regents and MUS. HB385 Landlord tenant laws. Also don’t need to worry about it yet. It makes law more vague, but landlords can evict and take property from tenants once they’ve moved out if the tenants are doing illegal activities on the premises. I’m working with the ASMSUB lobbyist, ASUM lobbyist. Two student lobbyists. We were successful in getting HB108 tabled, voter ID requirement. It was an annoying bill that would make an extra ID necessary to register to vote. SB109 we did a great job with this. Failed on the floor of the Senate. Would have changed the laws requiring landlords to only keep their building up to code from the time the building was constructed. I have daily meetings with the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education. We have president Cruzado, President Engstrom from Missoula visiting us from time to time. Starting work on future rotunda day. March 7\textsuperscript{th}. Mark will give you more updates on that as we go along. We’ll be matching legislators with students to shadow for a day. Social media is a huge hit for us right now. We’re using social media as much as we can. It would be really helpful if you can all share what I’m posting on Twitter, on Facebook, even if you don’t agree with it. You need to inform your constituents. I
know we’re all busy but I am telling you what is going on up here and if you can share that, it will really help get the word out. If you need talking points for your constituents, HB2 is great because it’s about the tuition freeze. Governor is great, believes in higher education, working on the tuition freeze. Social media privacy from employers, bringing lottery funds back to students, helping sufficiently pay our staff and faculty. These are easy things to bring up to anyone.

Townshend: We’ll open up to questions.

Thuringer: For student legislator shadowing, do you want primarily Montana residents?

Clark: It would be helpful but as long as you’re a registered voter, that’s fine. I’d stretch it if it’s a political science student or someone planning on staying in Montana, but definitely MT residents or people staying in the state.

Townshend: We’ll be in touch. Thank you, Dani.

Clark: Sounds great, thank you.

- Marching Band – Greg Young, Nathan Stark

Townshend: They are going to be late so we’ll move into budget presentations.

Oak: Last time I talked to Greg Young, he said they won’t show up till 8.

Townshend: Senator Smith has been in contact with the band so we’ll wait until they get here. Before we get into budgeting presentations, Brandi will give us an overview of what we’re going to do here.

- Budget Presentations

Brandi: These presentations are to inform you about what activities these programs are doing and how students are affected. I ask that you limit your questions to clarifications on upcoming activities and not financial questions. All of the detailed activity-planning sheets are up on the ASMSU Budget Drive. If you have questions about the numbers, go talk to the program directors outside of the Senate meetings. I want to concentrate on informing yourself about the programs and what they are planning on doing with their funding next year.

Rowe: I wasn’t able to find the budget sheet for the Streamline on the Budget Drive.

Higgins: They’re a dollar program so they have a separate student fee. They determine their budget on their own. They will present to you about what they did and what they will do so you won’t be seeing any spreadsheets or anything.

- Registered Student Org. Funding – Mandy St. Aubyn

St. Aubyn: I’m with the OAE, program manager there. I do all of the student organization funding. We are responsible for managing those funds. Michael is handing out an overview. Some highlights: 196 student organizations, 25 are new. About 3000 students are involved according to what clubs are currently reporting. That’s the current status. The fee increase is on the ballot this spring. I put both scenarios on this. The money is divided up into two pots: mass funding and rolling funding. Mass is 2/3 of the money, rolling is 1/3. Finance Boards meets weekly to decide on rolling funding. We have one big long meeting in spring for mass funding. Funding Board allocates the money and we manage it. I oversee funding and we have a student accountant. That is part of our budget. We operate everything through our office. Brandi is sort of our auditor. We have a lot of clubs who receive funding. Right now we’re at 76 and counting. NECO, Hindu Society, there are all sorts of student organizations that spend this money. I do
have some info about moving forward. If it does increase, we’ll have a lot more money to work with. It’ll be up to Funding Board to decide what that looks like. We could give clubs more money or give more clubs money. Almost $240,000 has been requested and we’ve only been able to give out $57,000. The need is there. We’re fortunate to be able to offset some of those costs. Having a matching fund would be awesome so we could set aside a certain amount of money, stuff like that.

Streamline – Colleen Lindner
Lindner: Thanks for having me. Hello everyone. It’s a dollar program so it has its own fee. You pay 4.63 a semester toward the bus. This year we put $110,000 in those fees toward Streamline daytime service. Late night is separate. I don’t have a budget to present to you. Streamline is not in their budgeting process yet. Know your dollar to me is your way of allowing me to be a part of your program. I do have the current Streamline budget and the fiscal year 2014 budget should be in place in the next couple of months. I am happy to share those numbers with you if you are curious. Ridership is continuing to rise. We average about 1000 rides a day at daytime only. There is always a need to expand, but that requires funding. Thanks for the resolution you passed. We met with the county commissioners. Unfortunately that was not successful yet but we’re not giving up. We applied for a federal grant that matches our local dollars. We were hoping county commission would help us fill that gap. Not quite interested at this time, but we’ll keep working on that. Thank you for your support. Your resolution is powerful when presenting to groups like that. We’ve had a lot of questions among community members as to why the county commission is not on board. Special committee: routes and timing. Last year, had to make some cuts. First thing on our wish list is to bring back the cuts. We had to cut out some blue morning routes, shorten Saturday service, and eliminate a midmorning run to Belgrade. We hope to put those back in this year and even expand more. Student input at this time is important. This is the time to speak up. Let me know if the bus is getting you to class on time, running late enough in the day for you. I’m there representing student needs so please ask your constituents if they are getting the proper service they need. There is room for two of you to join the board if you wish because there are three seats. I can provide you with specific numbers as to where overall Streamline budget is going which is an operating budget of $1.4 million this fiscal year. I have a breakdown of all of that. You are a crucial part of Streamline and they couldn’t do it without you so thank you for your support.

Spirit – Colleen Lindner
Townshend: Next, I’d like to welcome our very own Colleen Lindner for Spirit.
Lindner: I am here on behalf of Laura Frazee who’s in China right now. Labor includes a stipend. It would be beneficial to offer an assistant to Laura during the busy times. She has an activity planned for Cat/Griz. I want to mention that with Cat/Griz and Homecoming, she wants to do a bonfire. That is extremely expensive. It’s over 2,000 dollars. Keep that in mind. There’s a lot of extra costs that go into having the fire department there, facilities services, permits, etc. That’s a lot of the cost for Cat/Griz. Do you want me to take questions on activities as we’re going through them?
Townshend: You can just keep going.
Lindner: Orientation block party. Laura came home with this idea from NACA conference last year. Activity to engage all of campus, mostly freshman and giving that extra exposure to your department as well as a fun activity for freshman. She’s working with other schools that have done this in the past, came up with a budget, sketched it out. It’s a great idea, dueling DJs, snacks and beverages, outdoor event, around the beginning of the school year. It would be a really great event for freshman that are trying to meet people and get comfortable on campus. Homecoming is a longstanding tradition of the
Spirit Chair. Spirit used to be called the Homecoming Program and has just recently morphed into Spirit which is running all year. Homecoming is a weeklong event full of activities, decorating contests (in residence halls, offices on campus, businesses downtown), bonfire, barbecue for students, homecoming parade (takes apps, get everyone lined up, etc.). A lot is advertising, professional photographer, pretty fun week. During that week she’ll be asking you all to pitch in on various activities. I encourage you to do so. Next thing is new which is the tailgate. It hasn’t been in the Spirit budget before. You did a wonderful job at all of the tailgates. Fun to see everyone with the free bacon signs so we put that in the Spirit budget, which includes food and the tailgate pass. Also includes the t-shirt giveaway, which happens in the fall. In the spring, instead of selling t-shirts, you decided to do a t-shirt exchange. Levi comes up with design. We signed a yearlong contract with a t-shirt vendor that gives us a really good deal. People bring in t-shirts from other schools in exchange for one of our shirts.

Service Saturday: Senate decided to contribute money. $4,000 was the amount at the time, continued throughout the year. This includes graphic design, motor pool, t-shirt design, gas, advertising, and student stipend for $1000. Overhead is the telephone. Total amount being requested from Spirit is $23,505.80 for 2014 year.

Mckay: Is the proposed assistant hourly or a stipend for those weeks?

Lindner: Hourly. It’s flexible so she can use the assistant when she needs one but we don’t spend all of the money if we don’t need it.

Goldstein: Are we still going to do the bonfire despite its cost?

Lindner: Bonfires have been really successful, even our fake one last ear. Goes great right after Go Cats lighting in residence halls.

Mains: With regards to the budget for the assistant. Colleen ended up helping Laura with a lot of Homecoming things. Cheaper to pay someone hourly than have Colleen do all that.

Thuringer: What are we going to do with fake fire?

Lindner: It is ours so we will be using it wherever we can.

Vanata: Recognize Vice President Murdock.

Murdock: Also one of the things we would use for the block party. Part of the reason we bought it, hope to work it into lots more events in the future.

Linder: Tuesday. Going to a Mardi Gras party, you’re all invited. Guaranteed beads if you show up.

- Latenight – Kasey Welles

Welles: I’m the Late Night program director. Read mission statement: Streamline Latenight, a fare-free service for MSU students and the Bozeman community members and visitors, provides a safe, efficient, and economic alternative for nigh time transportation. Goals: create alternative for late night transportation, convenient and safe ride home, increase ridership. Up to this point, the program director is salaried. That was for a ten-month position. Late night director is now a yearlong position. That has been increased. Basically this is making up for the two months where you’re working an not getting paid. I’m not doing this to give myself a raise. The rest goes to the expenses of the attendants. Benefits, workers comp. During the school year, the attendants only need workers comp. Outside of the academic year, we have to pay benefits for Streamline attendants because they’re not students at that time. Part of money allocated there is for the benefits. Comes out to about 450 for that. With the associates, we
pay attendance and are reimbursed from Streamline. Not actually paying them, coming out of our pockets. Makes sense for us to pay them directly and be reimbursed. $30,000 goes to Late Night to help operate the service, comes from Student Activity fee. Without that, there wouldn’t be a late night service. Very important. Ridership shows the late night service is used. From personal experience, vast majority of riders are students. Your dollars go to helping students get home safe at night.

Advertising: $900 for posters for route change so people know what’s happening. That happens a few times every year. Summer routes change. Doesn’t make sense to ride two busses when most people walk anyway. Want to advertise for summer route so people understand there’s only one bus. Fall: info to bars for the new route, really beneficial another set of posters for dorms, around campus in January when everyone comes back, people forgot about bus. Additionally, some ads in Exponent for big holidays. Times where additional knowledge about LateNight is important. I did a grant program with DUI Task Force last year and we saw a dramatic jump in ridership when I put in multiple ads. I am hoping my predecessor will look for funding from other sources as well. Food and beverages is water for the buses on big events like Halloween, etc. so people can drink something. We don’t allow outside beverages and we like to control what people are drinking on the bus, helps keep riders hydrated and feeling good. We’ve allocated some money for water bottles, attendant meetings. Used to be quite a bit more so we’ve taken that down a lot. Overhead: phone, don’t use it much. Number people call me because I don’t give out my cell number. So that’s it. I do want to talk about what’s coming up for Late Night. Lots of effort to put together a new route to better serve the community. Half-hour route around campus we hope. It would be a huge accomplishment, especially when you have students who want to go downtown and come back and not wait very long. Reorient other part of route to get people to destination faster so more people are willing to ride the bus because they know they will get home quickly. I’ll give you more heads up when that gets finalized. Sealed the deal on the poster project. A number of glitches that came up but we got it figured out and 5000 posters with Streamline, DUI task force, QR code to get people home.

Lindner: Casey is leaving us and he started as a Senator in ASMSU and has been program director involved in Streamline LateNight for 4 years. Lots of time invested in ASMSU, done an amazing job. Schedule changes with LateNight are all due to Casey. Spends time timing routes, putting up posters, time in residence halls. Thank you for your endless hours and dedication to our department.

Abbey: I wanted to clarify: Admin fee is 4% of all expenditures.

Abbey: I’m here to present the Admin budget. Payroll. Operations budget: a 3% raise has been calculated. Dani is lobbying for a 5% raise, probably 3% after negotiations. Office supplies: printing, paper, misc supplies, bookstore purchases, front desk supplies, money at Copycats, newspaper subscription. Capital: computers. This includes applying for CSAC money. If we don’t get that money, this is the max anticipated funding. If we get funds, that number will drop to $1,015. Retreat: provides funding for guest speaker and entertainment, materials and supplies, location, snacks. We’re also looking at getting student government training through a student empowerment project-training group. Lots of training on different topics. It’s pretty inexpensive for service provided. Off campus experience, real bonding experience. After training we do something fun so everyone can bond more. Sponsorships, scholarships. Pow Wow, International Food Bazaar, peer scholarships (originally named after Jeff Gambles), Vets appreciation dinner. Travel budget includes gas mileage and lodging. Ugly sweater unravel party. Money for a venue. Food and beverages: lunches for Admin Council once a month, Finance Board, Senate during budgeting season, candy for office, etc. End of Year Banquet: A great way
to say thanks to our staff, all of you as volunteers. Nice meal, bring a date, invite administrators, really nice time to say goodbye and celebrate our successes. Student Needs Assessment: look at this document! Provides a record of how well our programs are doing in terms of serving the student need. Many program directors are using it for budgeting. Student Stipends: currently those include, president, VP, senate VP, senate P, workers comp, Business manager. Overhead: MAS fees, telephone, mail, etc.

Vanata: Would you mind elaborating on the student government training?

Abbey: I can send out link. Retreat and student government training. Still isn’t set time. In the fall or the spring that we all come together again off campus and assess our goals, what we need to move forward with, etc. Great opportunity for professional development.

French: We had planned on a rolling building fee to replace printer as needed. Didn’t specifically hear allowance for that.

Jackson: That’s in your capital line.

French: So we have a rolling fee?

Higgins: Yes. On the ASMSU Budget Drive, there is a 5-year schedule for all capital items.

Abbey: Stop by my office if you have any questions.

- Unfinished Business
  - 2013-R-6 Support for the Spirit of the West Marching Band
    - Sponsors: Lukas Smith, Cara Thuringer, Gianna Vanata

Townshend: I wanted the marching band people to speak prior to the resolution, move into next resolution.

  - 2013-R-7 Support for SUB Ballroom Renovations
    - Michael Townshend, Erica McKay


Vanata: Move to approve.

Seconded by French.

McKay: When this was brought to us, it was really exciting because it’s a project that students started and was never finished. It would be really cool to see it brought to an end. Really cool we can do it without raising student fees. Increase décor of students home. Everyone goes through this building and we want them to have a pleasant experience. We have inadequately functioning rooms, poor temperature control. See value of what this means to campus.

Reid: I’d like to recognize President Abbey.

Abbey: It has been decided SUB renovation will take place next December because of Year of Engaged Leadership.

Vote: 20/0/0.

McKay: POI. Was the time confirmed for presenters to be 8?
Smith: Be here at 7:30, they’re performing at the basketball game right now.

Townshend: It’s 7:05.

- **New Business**
  - Finance Board Appointment
    - Senator

McKay: The meeting time for this one is Monday nights at 6pm. Usually last an hour and a half to two hours max.

Townshend: Open up floor for nominations.

Rowe: O’Donoghue.

O’Donoghue: Accept.

French: Rowe.

Rowe: Decline.

French: Dove.

Dove: Decline.

Reid: Lamm.

Lamm: Decline.

Thuringer: Could we possibly give more explanation on what Finance Board does?

McKay: Body that recommends financial action to the Senate. Has to be overturned by 2/3 vote in Senate. Familiar with what’s going on, talking to past senators, doing some research, getting in tune with that process. Looks at every single dime and penny of the budget. Professionals on this board, what they do for a living; they’re very good at it. Volunteers looking over budgets, being as fiscally responsibly as we can be for our students. Also accept supplemental requests or reserve requests that weren’t necessarily budgeted in programs in during the year and other unforeseen expenses. We will make recommendations to Senate on those as well. Questions?

Reid: Who’s already on it?

McKay: Stevens, French, Tiffany, Caitlin Murray, and Garrett Dunn. Staff: Terry Liest, Jim Luebbers, and Greg Durham. Have some ex officio members in Jackson, Higgins, and I chair the board. We three don’t vote but are there for historical context, nitty gritty details.

French: Different form Funding Board. Strictly ASMSU, not student organizations. Past three or four semesters. Great opportunity to have a better look into ASMSU Budget. I appreciate the experience.

Reid: Senator Vanata.

Vanata: Respectfully decline.

O’Donoghue: Is it okay if I decline now?

Marshall: Accept.

Thuringer: Macy.

Macy: Decline.

Vanata: Can I move the nominations cease?


Townshend: We have one nominee for the Senator Finance Board position. We still have to do a vote. For formality's sake, we will do a dump truck vote so the candidate needs a majority to get the position.

Vote:

Marshall: 14

Abstain: 3

O'Donoghue: 1

Mulick: 1

Mickey Mouse: 1

Townshend: Marshall will be our new member of Finance Board. In a not so close second we have Mickey Mouse, Senator Mulick, and Senator O'Donoghue.

Townshend: This year we are doing Stipend reviews. Committee put together that looks at stipend and actual hours worked. That group will meet this spring. 3 Senators, chaired by Senate VP. VP, Business Manager, and Office Manager will also be a part of that.

Mains: Time commitment?

Townshend: Not sure. You’ll basically cross check Lauren’s detailed hours sheets and see which tier the jobs fall under. There is a three-tier system that decides how much positions are paid. I would guess two or three meetings of one to two hours. Pretty minimal.

Lauren: Tier one is the highest. $5500 per semester, except president who gets paid $10,000.

Townshend: Open up floor for nominations.

Howard: Nominate French.

French: Talk to McKay, yes as long as I can make meetings.

Rowe: Mains.

Mains: Accept.

Reid: Smith.

Smith: Accept.

French: Stevens.
Stevens: Accept.

Howard: Stiles.

Stiles: Decline.

Townshend: The four nominees are French, Mains, Smith, and Stevens. We will have candidates go out in hall, each person give one-minute presentation on why they should be on this committee.

French: I object. I object to us having to leave the room; I think we should be able to stay in the room and hear each other talk.

Townshend: Quick one minute explanation, why on committee.

French: I would appreciate the opportunity to be on committee as an extension of Finance Board and review positions I’ve been helping budget for the past almost 3 years. I would like to chance to help change things on different levels. I appreciate your consideration.

Mains: I would love to be on this board. Good to learn more about this, done budgeting for ASMSU for two years now. I know why things are the way they are in that system and it would be beneficial to learn more about it, be part of this committee. I appreciate your vote.

Smith: I would also appreciate your vote. This seems like a pretty straightforward committee, common sense. Our employees should get paid for hours they worked. I will work hard at this.

Stevens: On Charles’ note, I think this goes hand in hand with my experiences on Finance Board. I have enough education about this topic to give this board its due justice. Thanks. I’d love your vote.

Townshend: You can vote for up to three because we have three positions. This will also be a dump truck vote. Questions on that? There are two in case we need to do a runoff. Please don’t fold them up into the most miserably small pieces.

Vote:

French: 18
Mains: 16
Smith: 11
Stevens: 10

Ko Ko the Monkey, Donald Duck, Mickey Mouse: 1

Townshend: Congratulations to Senators French, Mains, and Smith. We will now move into Admin Reports starting with President Abbey.

- Admin Reports
  - President – Kiah Abbey

Abbey: As Dani said, the Rotunda Day is now March 7. Couldn’t get things in order to get it planned. Mark is in charge; we will not be let down. Sorry for change in date. Now you will all be able to spend the day after Valentine’s Day with your honeys or a bottle of honey. Sign up no matter what! It’s a lot more than student shadowing. Address from Bullock, addresses from key legislators from both parties,
civic engagement training on how to be involved at legislature, really full and fun day. Anyone who attends will get a free ticket to the Emancipator concert that night. Please let your friends know. We are calling for applications for student regent. Apps due April 1st. Include cover letter, resume, and two letters of recommendation. We will be having a student regent info session at the March Board of Regents in Helena, 3:00 March 6th. All candidates should attend the meeting in Helena. Joe is an incredible student regent. Large shoes to fill literally and figuratively. New proposed policies for travel. I could use a Senator or a few Senators who have traveled through MSU. Could be BreaksAway, Outdoor Rec. It’s a pretty comprehensive review.

Goldstein: I’d like to work on that.

Abbey: Policy won’t be put into effect until March 6th. I need a group of senators, provide more about policy in next couple weeks.

French, Goldstein, Howard.

Rowe: March 7 is a Thursday, crucial time in budgeting process. Keep that in mind.

Abbey: I’m glad you brought that up.

French: Planning on attending on Regents meeting, rotunda day. Correlation being planned?

Abbey: Tried to advocate for a different day. Didn’t work out it’s just attend one of them. Could do both and attend rally or what you find interesting but any way we can try to accommodate people who want to attend both we will try our best. Plan to attend, let me know. We can possibly pay for lodging if you’re a Senator.

Macy: Question of privilege.

Townshend: Good luck.

○ Vice-President – Lindsay Murdock

Murdock: The gallery will have an open house from 5:30 to 8ish. Go stop by; Stacy Ray will be there which will be cool because this renovation was what she envisioned. Director for 4 years. Cool to be there, have open house with her. Stop by; see the new show in there. Our new Outdoor Rec Director will be starting Feb 25th. Go down, welcome him, and congratulate him. Be available for him. Elections for President, VP are coming up. Campaigning will start Monday. Interested, get apps in by Monday at 4:30. Questions: direct them to Eric, myself, Kiah. Tabling tomorrow and Monday to get info out. If you want to help table to get that info out feel free. Talked about commitment to increase diversity in Strategic Plan, see that more integrated into campus. See how increased diversity impacts you, be thinking of programming opportunities, anything to help further support that increased diversity. Lots of cool things we can do there. That’s about it. Quote: “Whatever is worth doing at all is worth doing well.”

○ Business Manager – Lauren Jackson

Jackson: Welcome to budgeting season, so exciting. Go over a few items with all programs with you. Lots of programs significantly under budget so congratulate them. Arts & Exhibits always looking to cut her budget in a productive way. Procrastinator, under in two films for the last year, had to add two films. Cutting in other areas to afford two films; she will come to this body with supplemental if it’s a little too close. Budgets looking great. Encourage liaisons to put on more great events. Any questions with regards to budgeting, anything I just said? Like Abbey, I helped put together the Admin budget so if you have questions with those numbers let me know.
Senate President – Michael Townshend

Townshend: As most of you know, the Play Hard, Work Harder campaign is up and running. Our shining faces on all computer labs across campus. Good way to get the info out about what we do here and how we are involved on campus. I really didn’t have much keep up the good work! Please keep these appropriation summaries because it would be nice for you all to have notes on budgets and activities here. So you can see what you were thinking about during presentations. Use binders you all should have. All activities will be on oval drive. If you have questions about a specific activity, go look it up. All broken down. Super important for remainder of budgeting season.

We will now hear from our presenters:

Stark: Hi. Thank you for hearing me. I’m going to be talking about this resolution to encourage funding of the marching band, specifically the proposal with budget committee having to do with base funding. Been a lot of attention on the marching band recently. Not sure where this comes from, my second year here. Had a sense that with the increased stadium, football team doing better and better, sense that what’s happening south of Kagy is representing school more and more these days. Saw a similar pattern at Boise State. As football program gains respect nationally, the band becomes a bigger and more noticeable reflection of MSU. We’ve been hovering around 60-70 people. Hasn’t been representative of what we want school to be. We talked about doubling the size of band when I started. All of these questions came up, how do we do that? As an expert, I get to try to deconstruct what we need to do, what needs to happen. Analogy we’ve come up with: budget for marching band is a three-legged stool. Longer leg, higher platform rise, larger band is, need more money. There is a symbiotic relationship between the legs. First leg: really hitting us hard right now. Our base funds, our operating budget. There’s a certain amount of combustible expense that we send every year, proportionate to the number of students in band. We had 73 people last year and we used all funds, 92 this year, next year we will have over 100 members. As we grow, we get more in the red. Drum line: $6,000 a year on drumheads, what they hit, go through those, replace 3 times a year. New tubas. $5200 each, wipe out operating budget completely. Dry cleaning $2000 dollars. Shirts: $4,000 for those. Some are several years old. Using over and over. We’ve played 9 games this year. Every game: $700 in snacks and water for band. Bus, trips to Missoula. Busses around $3000. Per student amount. As band increases, amount goes up. Area where we’re most worried. Other leg: instruments and equipment. Been more successful at raising money there. Number of donors, proposal through Budget Council for new instruments. Hope that will work out well. This operating budget is concerning us most. Third leg: scholarships. Anyone who successfully goes to band camp and the games gets a scholarship. I’d rather concentrate on operations budgeting stuff. Resolution: Cruzado wants to support the band. She had us over to her house for dinner, very encouraging of us. Speak on behalf of the students, for the band of students is monumentally powerful. I’m the director. I get to decide what we do. I don’t chose the important things like them walking on the filed and getting their spots, memorizing every single note outside of rehearsal, knew band turned a corner this year. Overcome with this wave of sunscreen so they would not fry to a crisp. They are all about this. Students in the band pushed it up, raised the bar, waiting for the university to catch up and provide the base funding we need. What we’re doing now and what we could be doing. More and more people look to media, athletics for what a school is like. Marching band ambassadors or school. We try to be what every student should be, uphold a standard, and represent everyone. Went to Bozeman High, played a halftime show. Last week we went to Billings to Senior Game. 1500 people there. The drum line played and the whole place lit up. Representing students here. Look at what’s happening at MSU, come here, be a part of MSU, we are recruiting, interacting with community, three feet away from fans at Homecoming, out there, engaging, representing the school. I’m passionate and
excited. Someone asked me goals for the band: right now, goal is to grow the band to 150 students and to do that we have to increase base funding, get more instruments, shoot for 20 more people a year. We will definitely be in triple digits next year, raised scholarships; it’s going to happen. We’re going to have to pay for this stuff. It would not be responsible if we didn’t say guess what’s coming? Calculation of number of hours you rehearse. Sunday a week before classes start. Rehearsal all day Monday. 8 till 9. Monday Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday. Home game: 8-10 hours. Missoula: 14 hours. 6 hours of class a week, hour of sectionals. 1-2 credits. Well over 200 hours. Other stuff people ask: isn’t the band all music majors?

Went through and everyone listed majors, maybe half were music majors.

Stark: So in closing, thank you again and I can’t tell you how pleased I am to represent the band here tonight, look forward to see what happens from this.

French: Thanks for coming. We appreciate what you do every year. Couple of questions. Unclear to me what the funding means, if you can elaborate on that.

Stark: Curious about difference between base funding and one-time request we had for instruments? If there is a source of income I haven’t pursued this year, let me know, I’ll do it tomorrow. Budget Council called for proposals for base funding. I spearheaded for one-time costs. Had to do with purchasing instruments that are a priority for us. Things we don’t need to buy every year, just need them now. We will take care of them, serve us as equipment for hopefully next 10, 15 years. Base budget is combustible, go through every year. Music, dry cleaning, snacks, bus costs, sleep in dorms for band camp, etc. Travel. Did not pay for trip to Missoula. As ambassadors of MSU, we need to be doing more travel. Gets used up every year.

French: A rather large number $78,000 is mentioned. Is that to increase the band from the current 93?

Stark: Yes. Whole process is evolving; write it out and then things change. Goal is to increase band by 20 each year, we’re at 92 this year.

Thuringer: I would like to recognize Vice President Murdock.

Murdock: Thank you for all that you do. You guys are always there with your good attitude, smiles, and dances. You’re so infectious. I’ve been having a bad day and then you walked in and now I’m excited and happy you guys are here. Thank you for all that you all do. Embody what it means to be a Bobcat, not just cheering on the football team but every sense of being a bobcat. Appreciate commitment to our school. You were all people could talk about at West when you were there. You guys do so much. Much appreciated. Love you all. Thank you.

Townshend: Thank you for being here, thank you for presenting.

Second treading of 2013-R-6.

French: Move to approve.

Seconded by Vanata.

Rowe: Move to strike line 14 because there are 92 members in the marching band.

Seconded by Stevens.
Smith: I’m against that because they cannot afford the band right now. Leaving this in will show that they have had a 60-member band, cannot afford the band they have right now.

Thuringer: Dr. Stark, correct me if I’m wrong, band is in debt right now?

Stark: Correct.

Thuringer: Clearly they cannot support 90 members.

French: Instead of striking the line, I’d like to add that the current budget was designed to support 60 members. Currently, we’re not budgeting for the band with its current size. That more effectively conveys intended message. Move to amend to line 14: “Whereas current budget was designed to support 60 members.”

Seconded by Thuringer.

Vote: 19/0/0.

Townshend: Discussion on amendment to the amendment of line 14.

Goldstein: Clearly we don’t have to strike this anymore. Correct wording.

Rowe: Withdraw amendment.

Schaff: Point of Information: We still need to vote on this amendment for it to pass.

Amendment: 19/0/0.

Townshend: Amendment passes. Discussion on resolution as amended.

Thuringer: Before we vote, I wanted to say that the SOTW marching band has students from all colleges, very few organizations on campus do. They are ambassadors to university. People see at football games, when they are visiting. When people go to another university, high school, city, and the band is what people see. We are student and we need to support our own, all also students, work so had for our university.

Schaff: Reflect Thuringer, commend what you do for this university. We can see that your loyalty is with the basketball game. Still coming here even after performance.

Smith: Recognize Abbey.

Abbay: Clarification. Tomorrow morning meeting to discuss hearings, including one-time only proposal put forth by Dr. Stark that currently has a very high rating because it’s one of our smaller proposals. Resolution will be sent directly to President Cruzado. Only serve as recommendations. Important because complemented by letters from ASMSU, Senate President, Alumni Association, this will be very powerful. I commend senate for working on this. Questions about budget proposal process let me know. Base proposal funding will be reviewed every three years. Funding will be reviewed, yes this is something we need to put in base, no longer see light of revision until whole budget is reviewed.

Resolution passes: Vote: 19/0/0.

Last admin report:

Murdock: Can they play?
Marching Band plays fight song, everyone sings along.

Thank you!

- Senate Vice President – Erica McKay
McKay: I cannot beat that. As we start moving forward with the year, rounded out with budgeting process, after that there’s the banquet, wrap up to year. Cheesy slideshows of the year with music behind it and everything. Anyone can get pictures of Senate moments to ASMSU PR director, Isaac. Putting that together. April 1st please! Keep reminding you about that. Finance Board: Keep talking to them about budgets you have questions on. We have some supplementals, reserve requests. Check your email. I will send that out. Lighting reserve request, late night supplemental because that director is doing 12 months of work. Ask Colleen, Casey, Alex questions you may have. Quick conversation. Not a lot of debate. Get in, out, be done. Funding Board: We gave out $20,000 in fall, $22,000 left. We as ASMSU gave $20,000 one time money. Any other year, they would only have $2,000 dollars right now. Ballot vote from students, keep that in mind. Need to have informed constituents voting, making voices heard. Shout out to French. Mary from Daycare. Went to have lunch, talk about budget, 1.5 hours, great to hear it’s happening. Keep it up; everyone is talking to directors, which is awesome. Still working on bylaw meetings. Continuing on with elections conversation. If you have questions on that some senators have attended meetings. Eric Vann has done a lot of research, what does and doesn’t work. It will be a heated conversation when it hits Senate, please be looking for that. Get voice out there and be heard responsibility to carry on what you’ve learned from this process. Hearing awesome things. Excited, budgeting season is going to be awesome. Tap into resources.

- Senate Reports
Rowe: In case you aren’t aware, all of your beautiful shining faces are in computer labs around campus. That was from the pictures we took last semester. I hope you’re happy about it. Some of your pictures are questionable but we worked with what we had.

French: Met with Mary at day care. She’s been running it extremely well. Working toward upper level accreditations so she can get grant funding, which is excellent. Some changes taking place so I encourage you to go meet all of the students and staff that work there. Chatting with productions and his is one of the two supplementals we’ll have next week. Questions: chat with him. Strongly support it. Go ask him yourself.

Goldstein: Met today with the International Programs & Study Abroad Committee. Action plan for ways we could reach out to student body and say that study abroad options are accessible. Ideas for PR, ways to get out there, I’d love to hear it. Good meeting, up to some cool thins.

Vanata: LI is putting on Leadership Summit, retreat for student leaders. A few spots left. I have a few applications.

Thuringer: They were done.

Vanata: Well you missed out! Lamm and I met with Ilse from Honors and Diane Donnelly from US, Academic Advising. How academic calendar works, advising, etc. possibility of some adjustments to that. We’ll be working on survey to gain student interest on changes to academic calendar. Our faculty was optimistic. Love you hear your thoughts. Please be reaching out to constituents about their insight on advising, curriculum, and department issues. I may contact you to talk to constituents. Please look out for that.
Mains: This week Rowe and I attended LI event on Congress, which was awesome. Spent 4 hours Tuesday at Study Abroad fair. I noticed that Senator Rowe and myself were only participants there from this body. Embarrassed. People do notice. Get out there to more events.

Stevens: Board met this week. Exponent will be in the green this year. Officially elected the new editor-in-chief. You’ll hear about that soon.

French: Yield to Murdock.

Murdock: Tony Campo, associate registrar, emailed to apologize for internet not working. Called. Let you all know that you all will be getting early access to degree works with early registration to try it out for yourself. It’s really cool, helpful for us, last minute glitches, and issues you find, get feedback to Tony as soon as possible. Let you know as soon as you can gain access to this.

Gold: When?

Townshend: He will let me or Lindsey know.

- Senate Announcements
Move to adjourn by French.

Seconded by Thuringer.

- Meeting Adjourned at 8:19pm.