ASMSU Senate Minutes—January 17th, 2013
SUB 235

APPROVED – 1/24/2013

- Call Meeting to Order at 6:00 pm
- Roll Call
- Review Previous Minutes
  - November 29th, 2012

McKay: Move to approve.
Seconded by Rowe.

- Public Comment
- Presentations
  - Outdoor Recreation Director Candidate – Levi Wilner

Wilner: Hello. How’s everyone doing? I’ve been running the Adams State Adventure Program the last 2 years. Prior to that I was in Dubai doing sales and marketing for an adventure company. I’ve done lots of work involving outdoor activities. What does the future look like as far as the outdoor programs? I’m coming in a bit blind, but here’s what I’ve got. Three things I feel seem relatively nebulous but foundational: student led expeditions, increase engagement, and have a wider variety of programs. I’m Montana born and raised. Did my undergraduate in Dylan. I love playing basketball and football, rock climbing, backcountry telemarking. I’m married with a three-year-old daughter. I feel like I have some good skills and qualities to get ASMSU OP where I want it. I’m very aware I cannot do this on my own. Strong business sense, I’m a personality. I am a caring mentor to my staff. I believe if I care for them, they will care for you; in turn those participants will have experiences beyond what they expected. I wear a lot of different hats. I would train student managers in trip logistics, rental shop, and a few other areas. Bozeman is known for its outdoor community. There are people in this community who know a lot about the outdoor adventures here, I know a lot but people here know the specifics so I would utilize their knowledge. My undergraduate degree was business. I understand budgeting, marketing, and managing. I enjoy technology, video editing, Photoshop and things like that. Our budgeting has gone up, our adventure leadership minor is self-sustaining. Several levels of budgeting. I’m going to get the staff involved and keep everyone focused on our mission. I want the staff to develop mission and goals. I am happy to steer the ship but I want the students to be the driving force behind this program. Student learning outcomes are also becoming a large part of adventure programs. One way to promote trips is get a white painter suit and write “rent me” on it. Everyone sees posters; you’ve got to be interactive with people. Facebook has algorithms. Putting out questions, asking for likes or comments, that starts the virality of your post and page. More people will see it. The more people see the page, the more they will get involved. We currently do about 35 days of training for our staff who are leading trips. We want to put people in leadership positions by training, helping people get the hang of things, and mentoring. My door is always open. We want to have an open and honest relationship and that is how we would get this program to develop and grow. Creating a mission that the students own will help promote engagement.

We do F.A.C. in everything we do. Framing, Activity, and Closure. Every trip can be broken into small pieces of FACs. We do pre-trip meetings, we do the trip, and then we do an evaluation or conversation at the end of the experience. This is how I want my leaders to lead.
Risk is inherent in all outdoor activities. The key is balancing staff competency and programmatic design. There are three main skills: human, educational, and outdoor skills. Usually mastery of the three types of skills is not equal across the board and I want people to get to the point where the three types of skills blend and really come together. In everything you do, you need to have a mix of human, educational, and job skills. I believe this is the strongest leadership development tool out there and it can be applied to everything.

We also look at the competency progression and work to get students to intuitive competency so they are aware of their surrounding and are able to be responsible in their adventures. There are two types of sites: moving and stationary. There are several layers of site management theory. These are all things I teach my students to keep people safe and provide the best possible outcome for students. I want to expand instruction, outings, and equipment. This will take time and training and there’s a lot to weigh in on so it’s important that we look at all sides of the story before we expand. I am totally impressed by the amount of power you in student Senate have. The student body here is incredibly engaged. This is what I want in the future: student guides who lead with conviction, honesty, and care; greater engagement; and participants whose experience was more than they expected. Thank you very much.

Goldstein: What would you do to get a freshman not familiar with the community or the outdoors involved in these programs? How would you put yourself out there to appeal to the freshman audience?

Wilner: Stickers. I got stickers for the Adams Sate Adventure Program. All info on the sticker. It’s right at the fingertips, staring them in the eyes everyday. It’s a really way to engage students. That said, it’s important to have a campus community that is engaged. It’s a conversation, impressing excitement.

Rowe: If you receive this position, how long do you foresee yourself being at this position?

Wilner: A little longer than Mike. 35 years. Probably to retirement. This is a phenomenal community and I’m honored to be one of two candidates for this position. I couldn’t see myself going anywhere else. I love Alamosa, but Montana is home.

Vanata: Thanks for coming tonight. You mentioned you want to teach your leaders to lead. On a broader scale, how do you plan to get participants to lead as well?

Wilner: Each skill has a rubric associated with it. Just like you’re filling out a rubric for me, we fill those out with every training session. Leadership from a participant standpoint for me is seeing an increase in any of those skills. The difficult part is getting the three groups of skills to overlap, which takes time and is often situational. My goal would be to get them involved in the outdoor club.

- President Cruzado (Will re-schedule)
- Parking Improvements – Kurt Blunck & Robert Putzke

Putzke: Thank for having me back here. I’ve been to lots of groups, had forums, and received a lot of input. Three top parking improvements people are excited about are making additional overflow spaces available, adjust parking type allocations, and to pave the Fieldhouse lot and expand the S/B spaces. The area closest to Kagy would be a D parking would be about $111. Those spots across Kagy would be $60. This leaves us open in the future to examine a shuttle. We want to recommend the top three. Most bang for least immediate buck for our parking permit. We’ve been relying on our long-term maintenance fund. Our long-term reserve fund is coming down so we’re looking at a $5 increase in every permit type for the next two years. It’s a modest increase to help us build that fund back up. We’re looking for more input and maybe an endorsement if you agree with what we’re doing.
Lamm: Thanks for coming. I’ve had a lot of students talking to us about this stuff. I was wondering if the amount of parking spaces in proportional to the student growth expected with the Strategic Plan.

Putzke: This is one thing that was driving these changes. A few years ago, we would have 500-800 open spaces even at peak times. On peak days, we will have 50 free spaces and we’re effectively out of parking. By making these increases, we think that we will open up a lot of spaces to handle flexibility. One of the things we have to keep in mind is it’s not a one-to-one ratio. For every four students we have, about one gets a parking permit.

Lamm: How will student safety be addressed with paving?

Putzke: I don’t think paving will change safety much. We look at crime on campus and how safe we feel on campus. We want people to feel as safe as we are. When we add those spaces, we’ll look at putting in more emergency phones. I’m looking at a program that would turn everyone’s cell phone into an emergency phone. We’re looking at some other innovations to increase safety on campus. We will have the same number of patrols in those lots as well as lighting. We are going to move the crosswalk so it lines up with Bobcat Boulevard. We’ll line the crosswalk up with where people actually use the street.

Thuringer: Thank you for coming. It says that on-campus residents aren’t seeing much benefit. That’s the biggest complaint I get. Any plans for how to address that?

Putzke: We look at the number of spaces by type available compared to people using them. The ratio of permits to spaces in the low-rise side of campus is 100 permits to about 45 spaces. With the commuter permits we have 100 permits to every 70 to 75 spaces for students. On the high-rise side of campus we have 100 permits for 104 spaces. The South Hedges Parking lot would change and they have more spaces than permits currently.

Mains: What are your thoughts about not allowing first year students to have cars on campus?

Putzke: We have to think about everyone: students, faculty, and visitors. I hate to disenfranchise any one group. That doesn’t mean we can’t consider a shift in how we order parking on campus. Our parking doesn’t differentiate by class type but rather whether you live on campus or are a commuter. Other universities have different ways of deciding who can park on campus and where. To me, that’s a major leap and takes a lot of discussion. I’m in favor of the system we have now. We will have to make a decision at some point. We have sustainability issues as well, convenience, things like that. Right now the more you want to pay for parking, the closer you can get.

○ Tobacco Ban Implementation – EJ Hook

Hook: As you know, we had the student body pass this resolution. The implementation strategy came out of different strategies. One was to take 80 smoker’s oases and line campus with them. Another is to respond to observed behavior and comments we received. If we start creating spots, that may not be the location smokers want. It’s been interesting to watch that. We started out with two smoking areas because we noticed people smoking a lot. One is right at Roberts and the other is the North side of the Johnstone Center on 11th. Now we have nine established smoking areas. First I put out an ashtray and they ground started filling up with coffee cups. Then I put out a trashcan and the butts went on the ground. Now all of those have a trashcan and a butt can. There are some areas that we are seeing as frequently used smoking areas. People are always there on the stretch from Grant to Roberts smoking. The whole Johnstone complex is a frequent smoking area. We’re trying to put up trash and butt cans where people are smoking but we can’t have a butt disposal every five feet. There are three areas we see frequent noncompliance. We talked to the people who run the Fieldhouse about their area of
noncompliance and that smoking area is now gone. Feel free to share my contact information and bring issues you may be having to me. You can inspire some real action if you say something and get it to the right people. I am working to get an A-Frame for outside the Visual Communications Building. I came and visited there the other day and said I might come back again. The intent of this policy in the first year is a soft implementation. We need to unleash the support this group and student body has. If I see a violation, I usually say: “Do you know there’s a policy against smoking? Do you know this isn’t a designated area to smoke?” People usually say yes and sometimes those aren’t the friendliest interactions but do it. A guy recently told me: “I hate this policy but I’m down to three smokes a day.” The intent is starting to have real effects. When it’s cold, I have less than I usually do. Next steps: address problem zones. VCB and behind Cheever are two major issues. If you are aware of a frequent noncompliance area, let me know. This is the first year so down the road people will know they can’t smoke from the very beginning. I’m concerned about some of the litter we’re seeing. Most of it is little and minor and we had it before. There are some blatant abuses like in the Cobleigh service lot. If people can keep the mess down, that will help their cause a lot. The other concern I have is the stadium. There was little to no enforcement in the tailgate areas and we are aware of that so we’re going to come up with an implementation strategy for coming years. If we aren’t seeing repeated issues, we’ll leave it alone. Those are the issues where we need those one-on-one encounters. I think we’re doing a good job on those bigger encounters and bigger areas. I do believe slow and steady wins the race. I know that has been aggravating some things so we’re speeding things up. Be a part of that feedback. It’s critical to the success of this program over the long term. Some people don’t want to enforce this because it can be difficult. If we run into those kinds of situations, I can always go talk to them. We can help intervene if people are uncomfortable. Something as subtle as pointing out the sign and asking what people will think about our department can be beneficial.

McKay: Thank you for all of your hard work on this. I know it’s been a challenging topic so thanks for your help and accessibility.

Hook: Thanks to you guys because this is truly a partnership.

Thuringer: Is there anything we can do as a body that could help your efforts more?

Hook: There was pretty good support for this policy and everyone seemed to be in favor until reality sank in. There are two sides I have to look at when making decisions with this. There are the smokers who feel disenfranchised and the non-smokers who don’t want to walk through certain areas where there is some dense smoke. I know it’s affecting some people across the street. Let people know we still support the policy and we recognize there are growing pains and reiterate the fact that the information is super accessible. More eyes and ears are welcome. Your feedback provides opportunities for us to grow. Maybe a resolution, an article in the paper, reiterating what the student body wishes and that we are not yet perfect. Running from the support side rather than attacking the negative is very beneficial. I had two things to think about when I put out the smoking station. Some people had already set up stations and were respecting the policy. There were others who went to the edge of campus and filled up the storm drains and made a mess. What I chose to do was reward people who demonstrated that they obeyed the policy by creating the trash can and picnic table. This is for you, thanks for doing a good job. It cleaned up the other smoking areas around the complex. I still say: “clean it up or you’ll be in trouble” to some of those offending the policy. Some of these messes are a conscious decision not to reward bad behavior. Until you show you respect the policy, I’m not helping you out.
Bryan Vadheim and Joe Thiel

Thiel: We’re going to tell you about the upcoming legislative session and why you should be interested and where you fit in to this session. We’re all a part of Montana University Systems. I am the student rep for the Board of Regents. They’ve been looking at budgets for the past year. Over time, we sent those requests to the governor’s office. There are 14 campuses in the MUS and one area where you provide most direct input is through Montana Associated Students. We’ve talked about need based financial aid, graduate students, and faculty and staff salaries.

Vadheim: Board of Regents submits their proposed budget to the governor. Here’s a breakdown of this proposal. The Governor sees it first, what he proposes is a starting point. The House has the final say over the allocation of funds. He publishes the budget and sends it to the Montana Legislature. A lot of the funding comes from House Bill 2, the Appropriations Bill which includes money for all state services, including MUS. A big chunk is MUS. It’s a block of funds to be turned over to the Board of Regents to be allocated as the Board sees fit. That contains the money for the day-to-day operations of the university. House Bill 14 contains long-range building plans and is one of the few things where they can pick and choose who and what to fund. Board of Regents and presidents of the universities have put together a list in terms of highest priority of funding. Currently Romney is at the top of that lost. Other things on that list that are high up, UM’s revamp of College of Tech, new building at MSU Billings. State Pay Plan includes faculty and staff pay. Things to watch out for: House Bill 108, which will change the voting identification and regulations. The other one is the rental regulations. HB109. Currently, buildings do not have to comply with the current building code. That’s a big concern for rental properties and if that is passed, that’s another big issue for students.

Thiel: We want to give you an outline of things to be focused on. Faculty and staff compensation currently proposes 5% increases. Considering the services we have right now and inflation, what do we need to do to provide those services? We’re looking at how to balance meeting the university’s needs without raising tuition next year. Also, we’re looking at the long-range building program. It will cost $20 million to renovate Romney Hall. If this bill doesn’t pass, it will be much longer before Romney is renovated. There are lots of specific proposals as well. There is a Veteran’s Initiative, 2-year initiatives, and WWAMI slots expanding as well as creating a new Veterinary Medicine Program to keep students here at MSU for their first year of Vet School.

Vadheim: Another big focus seems to be large animal medicine which is common in Montana and is a lot harder to get educated on elsewhere so we want to keep our students here so they get educated in state and are more likely to come back

Thiel: As President Cruzado likes to say, “we have more cattle than people” but we don’t educate our veterinarians. So what we can do is to write letters and to attend A Day in the Rotunda on February 15th.

Vadheim: We’d love to have plenty of students there. During the session, it would be nice to have some resolutions of support passed for helping current wording of house bill 2, things like that.

McKay: I know writing my first letter was intimidating. Could you get us some example letters from the past to help us pass that on to our constituents?

Vadheim: We have a draft. I’ll send that to Michael.

Mains: I’ve been following Dani’s Facebook. She’s requesting people spread that to all students. Please spread that around.
Lamm: Maybe a good tactic would be to reach out to the film department. Something along those lines to get the conversation going. Hardly any students talk about this stuff other than Senators so it would be cool to get something viral to get the word out.

Murdock: I know Dani is doing a video blog.

French: Who are the committee members in Higher Education?

Thiel: There are subcommittees of the Board of Regents. There are 7 regents and each has 3 to 4 subcommittees.

Vadheim: The committee that does legislative work has a senate committee on higher education with 9 or 10 members, one from Gallatin County. We’ve got the whole makeup of that committee.

French: Bills aren’t scheduled more than 24 hours out. Running list of bills that will be heard tomorrow. Where could I find that?

Thiel: Legislative site, you can look it up by bill.

Vadheim: MUS has a legislative update page that I presume will update about hearings.

French: Do you know the schedule?

Townshend: House Bill 2 will be next Tuesday through Thursday. I’m planning on being up there if anyone wants to catch a ride.

Town: Kiah will be there as well.

- Unfinished Business
  - 2012-R-19 Support for Campus Safety Advisory Board
    - Sponsors: Hannah Mains, Cara Thuringer
Thuringer: I move to take this resolution off the table.

Seconded by Vanata.

Townshend: Requires majority vote to take from table.

14/0/0.

Thuringer: I move to strike the document on page one and amend it to the document on page two.

Seconded by Mains.

14/0/0.

Amendment passes. Proposed resolution as amended.

Mains: I’d like to recognize Chief of Police Putzke.

Putzke: I was very excited to see this amendment come up and am very supportive of it. This is something very near and dear to my heart. This will help improve safety in three ways. The viewpoint of safety from students is important. I don’t have routine student input unless I seek it and this would help us receive more regular input. It also helps us prioritize what’s important in terms of safety.
Lastly, we’re extremely lucky that student opinion allows for change. The administration listens to this body, and that is the real power behind this committee.

Thuringer: I’d like to point out that this isn’t just about violent crimes but also about that an older lady nearly slipping and falling during a campus tour or ice sliding off of a building. That is not safe. This is so these things can be addressed. Consider that while we vote on this. It’s about the little things that don’t always get notice because people aren’t looking for them.

Lamm: I’m concerned there’s no Family & Graduate Housing seat. I think that should be expressed explicitly.

McKay: I’d like to recognize Vice President Murdock.

Murdock: It is important to have someone there. Most students don’t go to FGH unless they have a reason so we can’t fully represent that housing. It is critical to have a member from FGH on this board.

Lamm: I would like to propose an amendment to strike “to students at large” and insert “one Family and Graduate Housing member and one student at large.”

Seconded by Mains.

Stevens: I think the intent is right, I don’t think the verbiage is right. I’d rather have two on-campus reps and two or three off-campus reps. Let’s look at percentages. 75% of students here live off campus. One chair for 75% of the student population does not make sense. They need more representation. I would like to go against this amendment and propose a new one.

Howard: In response to Senator Stevens, I think this works. The students who live off campus are not in our jurisdiction but rather the city of Bozeman. Having a Family and Grad Housing person on our board would cover a corner of campus no one else every goes to unless you live there and I think this amendment is a great idea.

Goldstein: I agree with Howard because it isn’t necessarily our responsibility to dictate what is happening off campus. We’re pulling from important places here on campus and we have a lot of bases covered here and I think we should support this amendment.

Vanata: I understand Steven’s point as far as representation, but I don’t think it would be a disservice to them if more of these people were on-campus reps than off.

Thuringer: If we kept two at large students and added a Family Grad seat, that would be an excellent compromise.

Stevens: We need to look at the intent Senator Thuringer brought up. There are safety hazards everyone is seeing. I have to walk to my car and get off campus and have just as much exposure to risks and hazards on this campus as any other person. By limiting exposure to 25% of the population, we’re not going to see all of the threats. We can’t get too focused on who needs a seat but instead see how we can most efficiently represent our demographics on this campus.

Goldstein: Noted. If you have some additional verbiage that would accommodate that, great, but I think Senator Thuringer’s ideas will allow for that kind of representation. I still think we should support this bill and amendment.
Thuringer: I’d like to propose an amendment to Lamm’s proposed amendment. “One Greek Life member, 2 Senators at large, one FGH rep.”

Seconded by McKay.

Lamm: I support this fully.

Stevens: What happened to the RHA representative?

Townshend: It would still be in there.

Stevens: Withdrawn.

Goldstein: Previous question.

Vote: 14/0/0.

Townshend: Vote to add “one Family & Graduate Housing member” by placard.

Vote: 13/1/0.

Townshend: Amendment to amendment passes. Vote on original amendment.

Vote: 14/0/0. Amendment passes.

Rowe: I really like this amendment as read. I really admire Senator Mains and Senator Thuringer’s idea to create this advisory board. I cannot support the intent “to discuss issues.” We have Campus Safety and Welfare Committee. Their job is to screen students on campus to make sure every student is safe. Behavior Assessment Response Team responded to incident where ice fell from Lewis Hall. Dean of Students frequently reviews policies that directly affect safety. Another advisory board would deter from overall affects of Dean of Students currently. I’m not sure what the advisory boards’ role would be considering all of these committees already exist. We have places for students to voice their concerns and don’t see a need for another advisory board because I think it would hinder the good work already being done.

McKay: The difference from a board to a committee. Board is a body that makes recommendations. Is that what you see as this board’s role? Or is it a committee to allow for a place for students to voice their opinions?

Thuringer: We’re trying to get all of the major stakeholders involved so we can get more of a direct line between students and those people. We want communication between those boards. Ideally, we want to work with Senate and the other outlined groups to give action and help other groups address issues they may have missed.

McKay: The Campus Safety and Welfare Committee focuses directly on student behavior. I’d like to recognize Dean of Students Dr. Caires.

Caires: I support both ideas. We do have a bunch of groups working on safety right now, but I think the idea here is to pull all of that together. This group is more generalized and a place for people to say what they are upset about. I support both of these.

McKay: With that, call the previous question.
Seconded by Howard.

14/0/0.

Townshend: We will now vote on the resolution. With an additional change of “6 students” as we have added a new seat.

Vote: 12/2/0.

Townshend: Resolution as amended passes.

Thuringer: Since we just changed this to six students, can we also change it to send to the Office for Family and Graduate Housing?

Townshend: Yes.

- New Business
  - Executive Session – Personnel Matter
  - Funding Board Appointment – Senator

Townshend: Stevens has stepped down as the Senator on Funding Board. Do we have any nominations for a Senator to take his place?

Goldstein: I nominate Senator Oak.

Oak: I decline. I am terrible with money.

Thuringer: I’d like to nominate Senator Reid.

Reid: Decline.

Stevens: Senator Rowe.

Rowe: Accept.

Thuringer: Senator Vanata.

Vanata: Accept.

Townshend: We will do this like the appointment process for Senate. Nominees, please step out of the room. Now we will choose questions we’d like to ask candidates.

Thuringer: What is your experience with budgeting?

McKay: What is your experience with registered student organizations?

Reid: Why do you think you’re qualified for this position?

McKay: I support striking Thuringer’s question.

Lamm: I think we should keep it.

McKay: I would just like to say that budgeting experience is not essential for this position.

Lamm: I withdraw my statement. I agree with Senator McKay.
Townshend: Strike first question and replace with third?

Thuringer: This board’s purpose is to allocate fees so I feel some sort of component of being able to watch the bottom line is important. Fiscal questions are important.

McKay: We do have a bottom line. However, they’re all on a first-come, first-serve basis. All in one day. I don’t feel budgeting is an integral part of this board’s capacity. I understand where that question is valuable, however I don’t think budgeting is a necessary attribute for this funding board.

Lamm: Move to ask the two approved questions.

Stevens: We should ask the value they will be judging this budgeting on. “How will you base your decision of allocated funds?”

Goldstein: The fund is specifically allocated for these organizations. It is not for us to place value or judgment on the club itself.

Stevens: I disagree. It is how closely does this organization’s values coincide with RSO’s values?

Thuringer: I’d like to recognize Business Manager Jackson.

Jackson: How would you perform due diligence (research the numbers presented and make sure they are accurately presented)?

French: I like the value added question. You have an opportunity. Just let them talk. We don’t need to specify too many questions but this specific one from Stevens is a good one.

Thuringer: I like Business Manager Jackson’s question.

Townshend: We have the three questions.

Vanata: McKay thank you for nominating me. I’ve enjoyed my time with Senate. This is my last semester at MSU. This is a portion of student government that I am interested in learning more about. I have had the opportunity to attend finance board and am looking forward to contributing and learning as much as I can.

Reid: Why do you think you are qualified for this position?

Vanata: I’m not a business major but I do work hard at what I’m engaged in. I’m responsible, I will ask a lot of questions to make sure I’m qualified, I will do my best to make sure I am prepared to be in this position.

Lamm: What is your experience with registered student organizations?

Vanata: I’m pretty engaged with the university. I understand what goes into budgeting with RSOs as well from being director of SAA, being involved with this body, and from my sorority. I understand how those work. I’ll gladly abstain from voting if it is an organization I’m involved with.

Goldstein: How would you go about performing due diligence with regards to researching requested amounts by student orgs?

Vanata: I’ve been thinking about this a lot with speakers. People talk and we haven’t done research previously and I am definitely for that purpose. I hope to walk that talk as I have been this past year as
far as preparing for Senate meetings. Thanks for nominating me. You have two very great candidates. Thank you very much.

Rowe: You all know me well. I do feel that I’ll provide an adequate amount of experience for the Funding Board and that I am deserving of your vote.

Reid: Why do you think you are qualified for this position?

Rowe: I’ve had to allocate funds before. I am the State Vice Chair of College Republicans. We have to allocate funds to different people across the state and I have been a part of that process.

Lamm: What is your experience with registered student organizations?

Rowe: As I said, I am a Vice Chair of College Republicans. Before that I was the Vice President of the Freshman Apartments. I’m trying to help out as much as possible.

Goldstein: How would you go about performing due diligence with regards to researching requested amounts by student organizations?

Rowe: By asking the right questions to the presenter and making sure they firmly explain where money is going. I will follow up and make sure money is going to the right people. Please consider me seriously. I will do my best to serve this Senate and bring the right recommendation to you.

Townshend: The floor is now open for discussion on candidates.

Stevens: Both candidates have great qualities. I think Rowe is in a better place for this position because he has another year and having experience is vital for this board given how new it is. Having a returning member next year would be great for ASMSU and the RSOs.

Mains: I feel Senator Vanata will do a great job with this because she asks all the right questions, is very dedicated, and has done some great work with sorority budgeting. She has a really great personality and is great to work with and gets things done.

Townshend: Everyone will have one vote if you wish. We will be doing a dump truck vote. Mulick was not here to see how we do this. Here’s correct procedure.

Vote: 8 for Senator Rowe, 6 for Senator Vanata.

Townshend: Congratulations to Senator Rowe for his appointment to Funding Board.

- 2013-R-1 Support for HB014
  - Sponsors: Michael Townshend, Erica McKay
  - First reading of 2013-R-1.
- 2013-R-2 Support for Gallatin County Support of Streamline
  - Sponsors: Kate Lamm, Steve Rowe
  - First reading of 2013-R-2.
- 2013-R-3 Support for Associate Dean of Students Position
  - Sponsors: Erica McKay, Michael Townshend
  - First reading of 2013-R-3.
- 2013-R-4 Support for Creation of IT Committee
  - Sponsors: Steve Rowe, John Stiles
- First Reading of 2013-R-4.
  - 2013-REF-1 Support for Increase to Student Organization Fee
    - Sponsors: Erica McKay, Michael Townshend
    - First reading of 2013-REF-1.

  Townshend: This means Senate is voting on whether or not to place this on the ballot for students to vote, not whether or not we support the increase.

- Admin Reports
  - President – Kiah Abbey
    I would not normally wear jeans to a meeting. I’m sorry. Some updates on the nondiscrimination policy. We will be starting a Student Affairs Committee at the end of January. Hopefully you’re staying abreast with the legislative session. House Bill 109 is one to look up. It’s focused on building codes and is important because many students are living in housing that is not up to code. I will be in DC on Monday and Tuesday and then in Helena the rest of the week for the legislature. Email me if you need to get a hold of me.

  - Vice-President – Lindsay Murdock
    A couple of things. I was talking to some reference librarians and they were discussing interest in a browsing section of the library. If you have any thoughts, send those to Sheila or me from the library. Romney Renaissance Committee will have a town hall meeting January 24th from noon to 1 and 4:30 to 5:30 in SUB Ballroom C. Please join the Facebook Group. A lot of student clubs utilize this and are passionate about it. This is part of the reason Cruzado is holding the town hall so everyone has all of the information. Gabe did the resign earlier this week. His mother and father got in a severe car accident and are struggling with recovery. Gabe will be here only taking one class. He is being great and finishing up the budget but he can’t dedicate all of the time necessary. Hopefully we can get someone in that position as early as next week. Send your support, prayers, and positive energy and thank him for his service. Brian Vadheim and Jake Losinski have both resigned. Kiah and I are changing those positions for next year. We’ll be making a presidential appointment for state leg. We’ve received a lot of recommendations of political organizers so we will get someone in there soon. We’ll discuss doing a regular hiring process for the local legislative position. The Exit Gallery is opening next week. It looks awesome. We have a reception next Wednesday, and it will be opening next Thursday. We’ll be reaching out to students at CJ Middle School’s Graduation Matters event on January 30th. You’ll be presenting to 8th graders and telling them how important education is. They are about 30-minute presentations and are pretty simple. Just say who you are and why it’s so important to be involved. You just show up and talk and it’ll be fine. Please email me with your availability that day. Presentations are from 9:45 to noon. Lastly: Polar Bear Plunge. OAE challenged us to a competition. We need students to sign up to dive in cold water. Email me and we will get you signed up. The dates on the website are super weird. I’m trying to figure out exact date and get that as soon as possible. It’s in Great Falls because that’s where Special Olympics of Montana is based so we’ll get a bunch of ASMSU bonding.

  “What you do makes a difference and you have to decide what kind of a difference you want to make.”

  - Business Manager – Lauren Jackson
    I used the powers of the internet to find out there’s a President’s Plunge in February. So we don’t have to go to Great Falls. Few notes from Brandy. We were looking at the Senate Discretionary Budget and wondering what you were looking to do with it if you got it. If it’s mostly PR to get ASMSU’s word out, we should just build that into the PR budget.
Mains: We talked about using it for open houses and things like that.

Jackson: That would be built into PR so you can add it in for the budget next year.

Oak: Is there any way we could purchase a t-shirt cannon?

Townshend: Let’s not talk about that now.

Jackson: Work with PR on that.

McKay: In Michael and I’s conversations, ideas for that budget would be Christmas party, spring banquet, etc. We want to set those funds aside so it’s there.

Jackson: The ball’s paid for through admin.

Townshend: Idea I had is that if a certain college want to put on a specific open house, discretionary could give them funds to do a Senate or College specific open house.

Jackson: It is PR’s job to provide awareness for Senate Body. Brandi and I would recommend to just building that into PR’s budget. Spirit Budget will be kept as a buffer. Lots of classified employees got a raise so we’ll probably be over in the classified positions budget. We recommend leaving that buffer rather than spending the money. Also, in terms of State Legislature, we recommend only hiring one position and not having a city legislative rep for this term. The supplemental fund is $21,694.37. The reserve has recently taken a hit because of Mike’s retirement. I don’t have an exact number but I’ll get back to you on that. Any questions?

Lamm: I know we didn’t pass a supplemental request for the marching band. I think it would be in our finance’s best interest to build that into the spirit budget.

Jackson: Laura Frazee is no longer the spirit person and we won’t be having more events so we can reallocate those funds. We’re suggesting leaving those in the slush fund because we don’t have a lot of wiggle room in the budget. You would put that in budget for next financial year.

o Senate President – Michael Townshend
Thanks for everyone who has done their one-on-ones with me. Please do that ASAP. Lindsey mentioned the Romney Renaissance forums. I got an email about the Romney Oval Master plan Charrette that is discussing what to do with the green space. It will be Jan 25th between 1:30 and 3 in this room. If you’re interested let me know and I will RSVP you. Another thing I’d like to talk about is anonymous reporting. I’ve had increased concerns about conduct within the Senate office. Please use that as a tool to report anonymously to me. It will show up in an excel format with no name. Use that and don’t abuse it please. I want to make sure everyone feels comfortable and safe in the ASMSU office this semester. If you have questions, please come talk to me. Please keep meeting with your programs to talk about budgeting. All of the pizza was from President Cruzado. I’m sorry the presentations were hectic today. Wish her happy birthday because her birthday was yesterday. Get on Dani’s Facebook group for the lobbyist position so you know what’s going on in legislature. We have four Senate positions open. The at-large and EHHD seats will be appointed next Thursday and think about your questions in the coming week. The Agriculture seat will be appointed on the 31st. Let everyone know to apply by next Wednesday for the three seats and the Tuesday following for the Ag seat.

o Senate Vice President – Erica McKay
What an incredible reading of all of those resolutions. I think you deserve a round of applause. There is still time to recruit friends. I had a dream that everyone brought in three people to run for Senate, so please help make my dreams come true. Our duty is to be really on top of writing legislators and getting your friends involved. In one of my classes, I got a professor to add writing letters into the syllabus for extra credit. Talk to friends.

On behalf of Funding Board: Welcome, Senator Rowe. We underestimated our fee collection so we have more than we thought we could allocate so that’s exciting. Thanks for your support on the referendum in advance. We want to push students to get more involved. Finance Board is Mondays at 6pm in SUB174 down in the Dean of Student’s Office. That room is big enough for us and guests. Those are the experts to talk to about budgets if you don’t understand them. Let me know if you need to get in touch with them. Thanks for being so attentive and diligent. Meetings will run long this semester. We’ve been super productive, keep it up, stay alive, go get ‘em, go Cats.

- Senate Reports

Lamm: I’m got a list of the 100 top enrolled classes. Expect an email by tomorrow. If you read through the resolution Rowe and I proposed, we’re trying to take the Streamline to the county level. That resolution is the first piece of it. Please read over it, if you have ideas talk to us before the meeting so we can make a new amendment. We will be going to a country meeting on the 25th in Belgrade. We’d love your feedback on how and why we should be a countywide bus system.

French: We’ve seen the two applicants for Outdoor Rec. Position. Tomorrow at 2pm I believe the board is meeting to make a final decision. They will do that with our responses from the surveys. They would be willing to accept a recommendation on behalf of Senate. Let’s chat about who we think is best. I have undeveloped thoughts and they’d be better developed if we chatted about them. They’d love to have an opinion on behalf of Senate. I’d like to see a meeting tomorrow at 1 or so in the Senate office.

Townshend: If not all of Senate is there, we can’t say it’s a recommendation of Senate.

Thuringer: If you want to do that, can we send you an email?

Townshend: I don’t feel comfortable with people who aren’t a part of the discussion being represented in a recommendation. You can talk but we won’t give the board a formal recommendation.

Vanata: I went to LI’s meeting. LI will be assisting elections with the final debate again just as last year. They have put in an investment proposal to the university. We had some discussion with the future of the Cat Tracker considering reduced sales this year. Talk to Senator Mulick or myself about that.

Lamm: To know the nature of the LI, you need to do your research. I’d really encourage you to make decisions about budgeting based on the progress, Strategic Plan, Year of Engaged Leadership and how critical LI is in that. Make sure you think about that before budgeting season.

Mains: Senator Rowe and I met with Isaac to go over our budget to inform you about the photo campaign we’re doing with PR. It is still happening. We’re doing a digital campaign by Feb 4th. We’re trying to get it on SUB TVs and computers. It’s still happening.

- Senate Announcements

Motion to adjourn meeting by Howard.

Seconded by Thuringer.

- Meeting Adjourned at 9:11pm.