ASMSU Senate Minutes – March 21\textsuperscript{st}, 2013
SUB 235

APPROVED – 3/28/13

- Call Meeting to Order at 6:00 pm
- Roll Call
  - Luke Howard – Model Arab League SLC
  - Ben Goldstein – Model Arab League SLC
  - Josh Stevens – Lacrosse in SLC
- Review Previous Minutes
  - March 7\textsuperscript{th}, 2013

Move to approve French.

Seconded by Mains.

Vote: 15/0/0.

- Public Comment
  
  Kennedy: I’m Matthew Kennedy, the opinion editor MSU exponent. Show you my face so you know who I am. If we ever criticize ASMSU, it’s not personal, it’s our job at times. I want you to be aware that you can write and have your voice published as well because no one has written a letter to the editor this year. Thank you.

- Presentations
  - MSU Fee Changes – Laura Humberger, Terry Leist, et al

Townshend: Presentations this evening go hand in hand with unfinished business. Our goal for this meeting: have fee change resolutions ready to go, fee letters to me, appropriate party. Many wonderful staff and administrators here tonight to explain fees, etc. Laura and Terry come up and give a brief summary of what we’re doing here, next step in process.

Leist: I believe you already have copies of all of the fee information. To my understanding, the college representatives have seen those. We’re here to answer questions tonight that you might have. Support on these, we will let commissioners know. They’re reviewing those in addition to multiple reviews here at the university. Then reviewed by Board of Regents and voted on at meeting. Open it up for questions.

Townshend: There were questions on where IT gets its funding. Dewitt sent that along and it’s in your packet. You also have the mandatory fee schedule we’ve been viewing. Finally, we have a breakdown of the room and board rates from Tom Stump. I know we had some questions on that to ask tonight so why don’t we start there.

Stump: If you recall, when I talked about the SUB/Fitness Center fee, we looked at salaries, fees, which were going up. All food, supplies, maintenance is 3-4%. All of those combined for ResLife/University Food Services, 84% is in 3-4% range, Family/Grad Housing, 68% in that range. So it’s going to be about a 2.7% increase. Some questions regarding differential between 5 and 7-day meal plans. Programmatic and financial issues. Last year we had a food consultant tell us how we’re doing in the residence halls. Students told them increase quality, stay open longer, enhance sustainability by buying more local foods, and get an executive chef that concentrates on dining hall operations. This year we extended Miller to 10pm. That required an entire staff for another shift, about $100,000. Full time Made in
Montana coordinator to expand local food purchasing. Then we will hire an executive chef as well. Those have affected 5 day meal plan most. Financially, we tried to hold true to the larger population of students at 2%. Recommendation was to get 5 day meal plan closer to 7 day meal plan. Increased Saturday night as a display cooking night. Sunday we are opening an hour earlier, full blown lunch from 11-2. Working on weekend as well. 75% of students on 7-day, increasing the 5-day plan to match our costs. Once we saw the 2% from regents, it worked out perfectly for us. We’re trying to keep FGH under 2%. Monopoly houses we’re asking for 3% to get those closer to market.

Marshall: Thank you for coming. Still confused on difference between 5 and 7 day meal plan. I feel like going forward there might not need to be a choice.

Stump: Consultant said we should have the costs only differ by $100. We wanted to keep them separate. We’re not trying to get everyone to our 7-day meal plan.

Marshall: I love these plans. CnC is great. Why restriction on 7-day/5-day?

Stump: You can always add more money if you like. I will definitely bring that up. We’ll add secondary option to that.

Lamm: Thank you for coming. I’ve had a lot of students ask why single and double room prices are so close. Could you answer that for me?

Stump: Much of that goes back to Board of Regents’ conditions of maintaining a premium which has artificially kept that low. We’ve tried to contain that as much as possible.

Townshend: Go side to side through mandatory fees and ask questions pertaining to those. We’ll start with the Student Facilities Enhancement Project. Any questions about that? We have MSU Bozeman and Gallatin College in here so please make sure you are on the first one.

Lamm: This email with building fees with projects, is that what you’re talking about with this fee?

Townshend: No, that’s the building fee. We’ll get to that in a second.

McKay: Dewitt, do we see an increase in state allocations along with fee increase? Are those proportionate? What happens with that, year to year?

Leist: They give us a lump sum so that does not work that way to my knowledge.

Humberger: The fee overall will be indexed as well. Separate from overall operations of IT. This money goes into capital plan.

Lamm: What projects will you do with increase of money?

Latimer: Wi-Fi is our first and foremost priority. A few years left on an aggressive program to increase Wi-Fi, student success efforts around retention, a number of software packages. Redo campus network and internet connection. Right now we have one to Seattle, so we’ll have one going to Minneapolis as well.

Lamm: Is our contribution absolutely necessary for that to happen?

Latimer: Yes. Wi-Fi is a $5 million project, going to take a number of years to pay that off. Your contributions will only cover part of that.
French: Melding university system into one mainframe, will this go to start that process, other steps to process?

Latimer: Project did not make it through the legislative process, will not come up for another two years.

French: Are we keeping that in mind for the future?

Latimer: We are looking at getting to one net ID, get the four campuses on the same Wi-Fi, and really bring them all together technologically. We want to lead the way such that U of M will follow us rather than try to change us.

Lamm: Can any of this money be taken out of tuition fees somehow?

Leist: We talked about that very early in the process. Nonresident tuition is considerably than resident tuition. Going back to the beginning when they started making a large differential in rates, we looked at that. Our funding mechanism is that our state gives a certain amount per resident student. The state contribution does not meet that. We want to raise non-resident fees to make that balance out. That’s not focused directly toward our infrastructure because that’s not our responsibility. $1200 per student on maintenance. $44 a semester is what a nonresident student contributes. $90 from resident fees versus $1200 total investment so it doesn’t match up well with paying for infrastructure. It will help us keeping the campus looking nice and this can be used for things like the Writing Center renovation. Fee instead of tuition forces us to give you an opportunity to pitch in ideas of how we spend the money. This is the best approach to make sure students have a say in the action.

Townshend: Any questions about course fees? Thank you to those who have sent them, those who haven’t, get those to me this evening.

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

Townshend: Resolution 13 is a draft version. Certain fees that we do not support we can add those. We would have to make an amendment to reflect that line.

McKay: Move to approve.

Seconded by O’Donoghue.

McKay: Move to amend to strike line 12 and also in line 16, accepting.

Seconded by French.

Vote: 17/0/0.

Townshend: I might recommend adding a “whereas support of the IT fee is in conjunction with resolution 10.”

Rowe: Add “whereas, this resolution is in conjunction with the Support for IT Capital Income Resolution.”

Seconded by Smith.
Smith: If we’re doing that, we should look at resolution Steven Rowe wrote because the numbers are different.

Townshend: POI. When this document was first sent to me, we were using these numbers. After discussion with Dr. Latimer, we decided on a 3.04% increase. If we support resolution 10, those numbers will be, effectually, our recommendation. I will work with Laura to get that updated.

Thuringer: It might be a good idea to amend the amendment to say “is contingent upon” in case one doesn’t pass. Move to add “contingent on the passing of resolution 10.”

Townshend: Let’s just add “and contingent on its passage” at the end.

Seconded by Vanata.

Reid: What if we tabled this and did Resolution 10 first? And figured out the wording then?

Townshend: Would have made sense in the first place. I apologize.

All in favor of tabling? 17/0/0.

- 2013-R-10 Support for Capital IT Income Plan
  - Steve Rowe, Gianna Vanata

McKay: Move to approve.

Seconded by French.

Smith: Did we approve all of the changes? Withdrawn.

Townshend: I will allow them to be pulled off the table with it.

Vote: 17/0/0. Resolution passes.

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

French: Move to take resolution 13 off the table.

Seconded by Stiles.

Vote: 17/0/0.

Townshend: Document has been taken off the table as amended. We are on discussion on amendment to amendment.

McKay: Amendment to amendment now irrelevant.

Thuringer: Withdrawn.

Smith: Can we put in there at 3.04%?

Townshend: Personally, I think it makes sense because they will be packaged together.

Vote: 17/0/0.
Lamm: There is still a statement in line 3 accepting those fees made explicit below so I’m not going to strike it because I don’t agree with some of the fees. I just think that overwhelmingly I hear people complain about raising fees. Not sure if I want to take a place of complete transparency. Think critically about each fee, all senators feel who don’t agree with specific fee, bring it up, we can discuss.

Rowe: I’d like amend strike line 3 “accepting those fees made explicit below.” Seconded by Stiles.

Rowe: I don’t see the necessity for this wording because there are no fees that are exceptions so it makes this document less powerful.

Vote: 13/2/2.

Amendment passes.

Vanata: Recognizing what Senator Lamm had said, I’d like to welcome any concerns now, specifically from Senator Lamm before it passes.

Thuringer: I talked to some constituents between this, particularly discrepancy between resident and nonresident fee. Almost unanimously, people did not think it was fair. The way the saw it was that if every student has equal access to a building very student should pay an equal amount to maintain that building. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

French: To speak to that, I will admit I am a resident of the state of Montana and per conversation with VP Leist, we talked about this. I don’t know the students you were discussing with. They are probably out-of-state students because they are the ones being affected by this. My family has been paying taxes in state of Montana to build these buildings so how can people from out of state expect to be on same playing field as people who’ve been paying taxes for over 100 years. I believe this is valid and just on this level. I welcome any opposition.

McKay: I am an out-of-state student. I knew there would be costs that were higher than in-state. Educating students about this is important, explain it in a way that makes sense. Education is one of our biggest jobs as senators; tell them it is part of being an out-of-state student. To my understanding, this is simply to catch this fee up with the current ratios that tuitions and fees are at with in-state versus out of state.

Leist: This is precisely the case. Taxpayers contribute to the infrastructure of this institution. Just the operations and maintenance per students is $1200 each year compared to the $90 nonresidents pay. I couldn’t have said it any better, that’s exactly why. If we looked at it purely percentages, we’d have to go much further than this. We have a tuition number that is 3.5x roughly, makes sense to make O&M at a similar ratio. You have our word. I am very sensitive to increases in tuition and fees.

McKay: With that, I encourage you to talk to constituents, Thuringer I applaud you because I’ve seen you do this, engaging students. I found after explaining the reasoning to them, there was a lot more support. As an out-of-state student who would have this fee raise, I do support it.

Townshend: Anyone like to speak for first time? Second round.
Vanata: In light of what Senator French said, interested in Leist. I was previously a nonresident student. I gained residency. I now have lower tuition and I pay resident building cost. Would like to hear perspective on that, how that works.

Leist: Great question. Recognize non-resident students that we value you greatly because that brings diversity to our campus, community, and state. If we could convert all of you to residents and you stay here and get a job that would be the best thing possible. Doesn’t have to be what you did before but what you will do in the future. Here we have to separate line when looking at this. Nonresident students who move on, that’s great as well. Obviously we can’t look at every situation that way. Stick around and we’d love to have you here forever.

Vanata: I understand reasoning, urge senators to support that.

Lamm: Ask any of you. The health and dental fee is the highest one on there. This is essentially a pay raise, am I correct? Is that in direct conjunction to legislature or other things associated?

Mitchell: Based on governors’ proposal to employees. No doubt we have some of highest paid employees on campus. If pay raise is lower, we will lower the fee. We will not collect any more money than this. It’s a 2-year pay raise.

Thuringer: clarify the point I made earlier. That is not my own personal opinion, just think about how constituents might react, and be conscious about why out of state students pay so much more than in state students. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

Vote: 15/2/0.

Townshend: Move to recess so we can clarify?

French: Move to recess for five minutes.

Seconded by Rowe.

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

McKay: Move to approve.

Seconded by Mains.

Townshend: After passage of referendum, updated RSO fees per referendum. Because of passage, we doubled fee and indexed on top of that. $6.35 is 3.10 +3.10 and 13cent increase as well, so that’s why it says the increase is 6.11% instead of 2.07%.

Oak: Please get French from hall.

McKay: The only thing I think needs more attention is whether or not we want this to happen automatically or whether or not it should come through this body every 2 years. Line 19. In past, never happened on schedule, attractiveness of having that locked in. Love to hear thoughts because I don’t have a stance just yet.

O’Donoghue: Would automatic indexing happen at same rate every time?

Townshend: It would represent CPI. Not necessarily same rate every time; it will reflect inflation.
Marshall: Having this set schedule would be a good idea so future bodies won’t have to worry about this. It’s setting up something for the future so it doesn’t become an issue later on.

Thuringer: Echo Marshall. Makes sense to keep an eye on this so it happens on a regular basis.

O’Donoghue: Recognize Abbey.

Abbey: Clarify if necessary. Probably won’t go unnoticed because this body still has to pass a resolution doing that. I think this conversation might be kind of moot because this is going to happen because we have to index or at least consider that biennially. Thank you.

Townshend: I think you’re right. We do review it every 2 years. It keeps us from having two write separate resolutions. It’s fairly inconsequential.

French: I apologize. I think the concept of indexing fees every 2 years is necessary but I want to leave the option open for future senates because who knows what will be going on in the future.

Lamm: Echo French. That would happen so future bodies would not have to write a resolution to index fees every 2 years if that happens?

Townshend: Could also override it each year.

Lamm: Like that it is explicitly stated that it will happen every 2 years.

Reid: I like that we’re seeing it right now and talking about it. Indexing will occur biennially by the ASMSU senate as opposed to automatically?

Townshend: We review it no matter what because it’s going to Board of Regents. There is a slot to ASMSU fees and we’re reviewing that as well.

Reid: Why do we even have this, then, if it’s going to happen anyway?

Townshend: You can either move to increase them or not increase them. A motion must be made regardless.

Reid: If you want to approve it, nothing would even happen?

Townshend: Correct, just lumped in with all other fees on indexing.

Reid: Don’t think it’s super important to pass this.

Townshend: We put in there so we could have this discussion.

Schaff: I want to reflect and say that this document is a safety net and accountability for senate and future senates.

McKay: Talk to history of this, are we doing it on the regular schedule? Have we kept up with indexing?

Townshend: For most part, it happens every 2 years. History books have a lot of gaps in them, so it’s confusing to know what happened. It’s confusing but it’s happened for the most part every 2 years through passage of a resolution.

McKay: With that, I think it’s us tying hands by saying you don’t have a resolution. It will be reviewed and will be aligned with university numbers so it would be more efficient and less overlooked if lumped
in with those and if they don’t want to pass it, they write a resolution. We aren’t trying hands, saying we won’t review them, they have to be indexed. Will increase efficiency of ASMSU, lessen the chance of it getting overlooked.

Rowe: If we pass this, will it always say “since 2011?” if so, amend and strike “have not been” and “since 2011” and “THE ASMSU FEES NEED TO BE indexed to reflect the current consumer price index.”

Townshend: That is more what we are resolving to do, above is saying why. Personally, I think it is providing historical context at this time for why it is happening. 2011 stamp only pertains to this initial vote; in following years it will just be “let it be further resolved statement.”

Rowe: Withdraw amendment.

O’Donoghue: Should rate be more arbitrary so it is up to year? SPI? Words?

Abbey: Top part is addressing fees this year. Second part is addressing future years. This language doesn’t need to apply to future years.

Townshend: Good idea. Aye if you agree with addition of FY14/FY15 in line 14 after 2.08?

Lamm: Can you restate amendment? Move to previous questions.

Seconded by Schaff.

Vote: 16/1/0.

Vote on resolution: 15/2/0.

- New Business
  - 2013-Funding-12 Pow Wow Basketball Sponsorship

Townshend: This concludes old business. Move into new business with supplemental I didn’t put in your packets due to administrative oversight on my part. Email a few weeks ago from Business Manager Jackson.

McKay: If you read the email, you know exactly what was discussed in the meeting, unanimously voted yes, brought together a lot of people that don’t necessarily bring lots of people, on MSU campus, great event in past, read email from Business Manager Jackson that supports drawstring bags, was an additional support in monetary form.

Marshall: Move to approve.

Seconded by Mains.

Marshall: Echo McKay. Thought it was a fantastic idea. Gets MSU, ASMSU out there, ASMSU logo on shirts, get communities interested in college, what we do here.

Vanata: Interested to hear what MSU student engagement would be.

McKay: Historically, mostly Native American players. Not students on campus entirely. We do have some that participate. A lot of them are coming in from out of town, tournament at same time as Pow Wow, campus is full, lots of events, hotels are filled, isn’t a majority of MSU students. Some in there but it does not make up majority.
Vanata: I’d like to recognize Abbey.

Abbey: A lot of students from tribal colleges come and we have a high rate of transfer students from tribal colleges. We stand above U of M in that we host this, also recruit for high school students, also my understanding that nearly all MSU students who are Native American either are in the Pow Wow or go to the Pow Wow. Helping out with this event tells Native students that we support you, we support your voice. Reach out to students because we aren’t always overly supportive of that population.

Jackson: Had you considered amount?

Vanata: Is this $2000?

Jackson: Drawstring bags are $597, $1000 total.

Oak: Is the supplemental currently $21,000?

Jackson: Yes.

Marshall: In response to Jackson, I know drawstring bags are $597, still looking for funding to put on this tournament so we’re supporting more than just the bags and it’s still a great thing to be supporting.

Vanata: What is the additional money going toward?

McKay: They gave us a really detailed budget; we saw all options that could come out of additional fund we might allow. If you would like, you could see that budget, but everything was line item-ed out, something that Finance Board warranted support.

Jackson: I attached the budget in your email.

French: When was this passed by Finance Board? I was at meeting when it was first brought up. Initially had some reservations on who we are reaching out to and where our money is going. Shouldn’t those fees go back to MSU students? Initially some discrepancy, I do believe this is a good expenditure, support is warranted.

Thuringer: In the past we have turned down groups who’ve come to use for events, supplied for various things. Not sure how this is different. My concerns when it isn’t directly related to our programs, initiative, how do we justify funding one thing but not another thing. That’s just something I grapple with.

McKay: Seeing as Abbey brought this to us, I’d like to hear what you have to say because that’s what we usually ask of program directors.

Abbey: Traditionally, Pow Wow basketball goes through discretionary. Spirit is a large part of this request and event. Made sense to come from spirit to supplemental. We are setting that precedent so that when our programs are involved in something, they do this rather than going straight to the presidential discretionary. That’s why we brought this to finance board, because spirit is usually part of this event.

Jackson: What help does spirit usually give to this event?

Abbey: Blake paid for bags out of discretionary last year; Laura was responsible for many details of it.

Vote: 16/0/0. One abstention.
• Admin Reports
  o President – Kiah Abbey

Abbey: Wonderful to be back. Haven’t been to Senate in a while. It’s good to see your business casual faces. Next week, invited to participate in service learning summit Wednesday night from 4-7 in Leigh Lounge. Maybe 5-8, in that range. Pass notebook around to get our names and emails if you’d like to attend. Service learning is a component of a class that integrates academic and service components. Very specific, often thrown around and not necessarily what service learning is. For professors across campus. I figured most of us have class, but student summit specifically on Wednesday evening. Free food, opportunity to speak with an expert. Saturday: really cool play. Belief, one woman narrative. All about being a modern Native American woman and what that experience has been for her. Sounds like it will apply to the modern woman’s experience as well. 7pm on Saturday night in Black Box. Encourage you to attend. Monday: Lauren, Lindsay, and I will give admin recommendations to Finance Board, see those next Thursday. Wednesday in Helena confirming regent nominations. Very interesting. Speaking of regents, apps are due April 1 by 5pm. We welcome anyone who is interested. The chemistry modular buildings by Culbertson. Only one response. Anyone interested in getting rid of them or keeping them. I need a resolution written and quickly. We need that done soon.

Macy: Doing a lot of work on it.

Abbey: This is a really complex, historically problematic situation. I’ve been to hours of meetings. We will talk. I’ll set up a meeting with you, Charles French, Billy Dove, Luke Howard.

Stiles: Talk to me about spirit. Who is doing those duties right now?

Abbey: Eric Vann is taking over homecoming nominations, finishing duties for semester.

Stiles: Will we be compensating him for that?

Abbey: Talking admin on Monday. Finance board unless it comes from discretionary. We have student reps on the VP of Stud Success search, 11 candidates will have phone interviews, I will keep you updated as that process continues.

French: Will some of candidates be coming to campus?

Abbey: Some student lunch or student forum, something like that. They will be at separate times. Goal is to bring 3 candidates to campus.

  o Vice-President – Lindsay Murdock

Murdock: Haven’t had Senate since Emancipator and Rotunda Day. Emancipator: 995 students there which is really cool. Full effort, thank you to all who helped out, volunteered. About 70 students at Rotunda Day from all over state, feedback? Let us know. Pro Expo this weekend. Exit, CE, and Pro collaboration from 3-7. Stuff with comic books, comic art in exit gallery. Come dressed as favorite costume, Pokémon in procrastinator. Free pizza. Tell friends about it. Concert in Leigh Lounge tomorrow from noon to one. Applications are out for all program directors. All of those positions re opening up so that’s all on our website. Tell friends, constituents about those. I have a three different times and dates for resident director interviews on campus. RDs oversee ResLife. I’ll send Michael information about those open forums to give input. Tomorrow is MSU Friday. Will probably be biggest MSU Friday school
has ever seen, first time they've ever had to cut off registration. See lost, frustrated people, please help them out. Future recruiting event. Please help out with that.

Schaff: 48% out of state so lots of those here, too.

Marshall: Somewhat sad note, we will not have a table at lunch portion because I spoke with Colleen and she didn’t have anyone sign up to help out with that. I know I have work, would have loved to see some people step up to get that together.

Vanata: Good point, although ASMSU is having its own breakout session, some representation there as well. Plus I don’t know if we want to be at ballrooms at that time.

O’Donoghue: I’ll be there with my nametag, some representation there.

Vanata: Regards to Emancipator. Great event. Great to see constituents happy about something ASMSU. Saw some facilities peeps running around, sweating bullets, what was their interaction with us, how it went?

Murdock: Facilities or SUB Staff?

Vanata: Was anyone there supervising?

Murdock: Those who were there know; lots of Emancipator fans like illegal substances. A little bit of that going on. Relatively controlled. Once we get concerts at that large of a size, have to order Crowd Management Services. Anything blatantly bad?

Abbey: Butch and Dwayne felt concert well, was successful.

Vanata: Haven’t seen something like that before, wanted to see how that went. Advertising for program director positions. How else are we doing that? Visiting key groups to announce those?

Murdock: Email specific pertinent colleges and departments. Have contacted clubs in past, haven’t yet but planning on it. Suggestions? Love to hear them.

McKay: Talk to confidentiality of this process, what that looks like? Always questions about that.

Murdock: Hiring process. All apps due the first. All kept lock and key in the front desk. Those are confidential, unlike students running for public positions. Interview process: interview and hiring committees, myself, VP-elect smith, Phyllis and/or Colleen depending. Open up to senate liaisons. Few stipulations. Confidentiality, must be a part every single step of the game, all interviews, everything. Consistent all the way through. Liaison to one of committees, please see me at some point this week or next week before we start looking those over. Please it must all be kept confidential and formal.

Quote: Ben Franklin, also about budgeting. You’re welcome. "If a man empty his purse into his head, no man can take it away from him. An investment in knowledge always pays the best dividends."

○ Business Manager – Lauren Jackson

Jackson: As Abbey stated, present budget to finance board money, exec team meet Friday at 9:00am. Get those to me by then. Supplemental is $20,654.37. Plenty left to do great things. Who has looked at opal drive? I’m so proud of you. This half of room gets a cookie. That half gets half a cookie. With that, I’ll let you have a good Thursday night.
Townshend: I have a bajillion things to talk about. Short list I can remember. Fee process has been a lot of work. Reiterate there are a few colleges who have not sent me their letters. Please do this after the meeting so I can get that out. Arts & Arch, Nursing, and UC. NICE! Good work. There are 5 colleges that needed to do it, thanks to those who sent it. Don’t have a college, course specific fees? Look over them? Questions? Does anyone have questions on room and board rates still? That does have to go to regents as well. Questions on that? How was that process for everyone? Did you feel you had enough info, concerns addressed properly? I want to make sure we can transition the person who will do this again in two years. I want some feedback on this.

Vanata: I know we had a bit of a hustle to get the fees in so I don’t know if we can speed up that process so we’re not in so much of a time crunch in the future.

Townshend: Make recommendation to contact them early January, get these to us ASAP. Schedule in December was to have them done toward the end of February, gone to us by March but they were behind. I agree.

Vanata: I don’t want to rush them by any means.

Townshend: Spring break did throw a wrench into that a bit.

Lamm: Process was good. Loved that they were here all of the time. Would have liked to see written exposure as to what they will do with the fee increases as to what this will go to so we can keep them accountable. Super helpful, put people at ease, give senators stuff to say to constituents.

Townshend: Ask them to report it in a common form so we know the background, what it will go toward, etc. Consistent reporting: help this process a lot. Lots of info about some of the fees, not necessarily in a concise format.

Lamm: Owe it to us to have something formal written out.

Vanata: Agree with that. Having some formal document we can recognize before they even fill it out. Really have to dig in to understand history, etc. Document why this is going up, what it’s going toward, why it’s applicable.

Thuringer: Course specific fees, contact info from professor who requested it would be especially helpful so we contact the right people.

Townshend: Thanks for participating with so much gusto. As you know, we met yesterday to discuss elections. Consensus was to move forward with writing a spring election into the bylaws. You’ll see those so we can adopt them. Questions, concerns talk to those who were at the meeting. I will have bylaw draft out to you by Tuesday. I will pull all-nighters if I have to. Maybe just one. Any changes to current document before spring break I need thoughts by Sunday night. Chance to review over next meetings, more we get in beforehand, easier it will be. Please take bylaw process as serious as fee process or maybe even more. So excited about having this process done, will make a good impact on ASMSU in years to come.

Vanata: Pro-con list for three models. Any way we could have that sent out to Senate?
Townshend: Yes. That’s my favorite thing to do. Any questions? Budgeting. Admin will make recs to finance board Monday, FB has that all wrapped up, begin Thursday with process. 28th, 4th, 11th, 18th. 4 meetings to pass a million dollar budget with a lot of cuts in it. Review that for yourselves. During meetings, limit debate on budget and we can reopen the next meeting. Might make a suggestion of 1.5 hours per meeting.

French: Only if we’re making the appropriate amount of progress. Bogged down in discussions, we’ll have to spend the extra time. At four week mark, it needs to be done. Please come talk to me, I’d love to talk to you about the budget. You have no idea. Anytime you have the opportunity to hash that out on a one-to-one basis. Lot of man-hours so let’s keep that to a minimum.

Townshend: Echo French. Shouldn’t have to limit debate if we’re having good debate. Only touched a third of the budget by the 18th, we’ll be here till the 19th.

Vanata: When will we see proposed admin budgets?

Townshend: Recs done Monday.

French: Senate doesn’t care what admin recommends, matters what Finance Board recommends.

McKay: 3 columns. Admin recommendation, finance board rec, senate rec. Finance board has to vote on all of this, 2/3 to override that, you can always override with 2/3 majority. Recommendations are a great starting point, you’ll see them all progress through the process.

Vanata: I get antsy.

Townshend: Look at them now, no recs yet. When we get it, it will be zero. Want to make a change, you have to have that prepared. We have to maintain the zero bottom line at all times. Can’t just cut $10,000 and not know where to put it. We have to do that at the end.

French: We were able to cut funding with assumption it would end up in supplemental and perhaps roll over. Cut during senate meeting, used supplemental as a catchall.

Townshend: We can do it the same way. Need to move it somewhere. You can move it to supplemental if you wish. Regards to confidentiality with hiring process, also the case in ad-hoc committees and other things across campus. Remember not to overstep your bounds, ask questions, be attentive, and remember your role.

Murdock: Continuing with that, if you are also in sitting on hiring committees, ensure you have done your research about the programs. I want to encourage you to talk to program directors, get background information on the program and whatnot so you can give informed opinions during the hiring process.

○ Senate Vice President – Erica McKay

McKay: MSU Friday. Yes, we don’t have a table. All more than welcome to be a walking campaign for us. Jen Marshall and I’s one year anniversary of knowing each other. One thing she remembered is how much we love ASMSU. First thing they know, more likely to get involved and really awesome. 12:30 ASMSU presentation about the organization overall. Outdoor Rec also has 2 presentations. Banquet: keep getting pictures to Isaac or take pictures if you need them. Finance board super caught up on process, spending lot of time to get this going. Funding board rolling into mass funding. You’re great, good job, keep it up, roll up sleeve, cut some pennies, have a good weekend.
• Senate Reports
Rowe: From IT Dept. Thanks to CFAC money, increased Wi-Fi in Wilson, Reid, and Roberts. Next tier of buildings will be June 30th.

Lamm: Academic Advising Council meeting, continue telling your friends bout DegreeWorks. See any bugs, report to Judi Haskins who presented to us earlier.

Townshend: Senator Smith pointed out that I would forget this. All senators have early registration which begins tomorrow at 8am. I just found out recently myself.

Vanata: That’s exciting but I won’t be signing up cause I’m grad. LI national advisory board meeting this weekend. I’m really excited about it. Looking at actions to implement in parallel with strategic plan, Year of Engaged Leadership. Exit interviews conducted by university athletics. Excited about that.

French: Saturday I met with Doug Abbot, provost, at Tech in Butte researching topic of collaborative PhD program, talked with Jenkins, first person involved at MSU topic. Currently coming before Board of Regents. Topic of collaborative PhD program, PhD at all institutions. Wednesday I went to introduce myself to ASUM senate, interesting crew, talked to Zac Brown about same topic, president Angstrom. Love to talk to anyone about that, professional reviews done to bring life to the entire situation. Talk to me if you’re interested.

O’Donoghue: Kristin Blackler, Office of Sustainability director, interview with her on Wednesday. Jumped into her position full force, she loves hearing student input. Comments on what she is doing are so welcome. Read the article, introduce yourself to her.

• Senate Announcements
Marshall: Reiterate that with my budgeting season coming up, please come talk to us from Finance Board. I’d love to talk to you about the budgets, almost made a twitter just to tweet about budgets. Same for French, Stevens, etc.

Rowe: MSU athletics: new bobcat logo, really cool, progressive, check it out, go cats.

Schaff: MSU Friday will be huge, if you have any free time, feel free to see what students are doing. Sample classes, robotics sample class, that’s always a great time, normally Advocats and orientation leaders giving tours, cool knowledge, go on tour and see what you may not know about class. Pro-Expo tomorrow night, go to Pokémon, it will be awesome.

Thuringer: President fine art series. Theme this year is the art of science and the science of art. Camera Obscura between Romney and Gaines, a few exhibitions going on in art buildings. New assistant dean, looking to put new furniture in the buildings. Trust for public land, required Story Mill area, want to make that a park, want to involve as many ideas for what that should become as possible. Ideas, interested, come talk to me. I can tell you what they are currently looking at, what they want to do. Steve Running coming to campus April 2 and 3rd. Event that is in the evening, talking about climate change, meet and greet. Tickets to evening event. Call Honors office.

O’Donoghue: You should all go. For sure.

Thuringer: The guy is a genius.

O’Donoghue: The Office of Sustainability is supporting it, one of our offices, support that.
Thuringer: ASMSU as a body, NECO is supporting it, really excited about it.

Vanata: In light of the club sports director position we had discussed, club sports team still interested in getting other and talking about positions. Collaborative effort between teams, etc. what this director can eventually do. If any of you want to take on a project like this, great, one on one, helping them do this, really appreciate it. My sorority is having a PR dinner this week. Murdock is attending, Stevens said he would, don’t know if he was kidding or not, but it will be good, tour of house, etc. food, scholarship, VIPS. Blue and Gold Ball is only selling 1,000 tickets for $15 each. Go. Proceeds to MSU Relay for Life to reach $30,000 goal. 20 options or so and MSU Relay for Life was chosen, American Cancer Society. April 5th, horse drawn carriages. Met someone in DC over spring break student ambassadors. Owns Mission results, nonprofit, few gyms. Been to Haiti 28 times, opened community center, interested in and getting college students over there. Doug was telling me about how he was invited to talk on the hill. Really cool. Send you email. Touching. If you have anyone interested in doing this, great opportunity to do that. Thanks. Thank for your time, sorry.


French: Move to adjourn.

Seconded by Mains.

- Meeting Adjourned at 8:20pm.