Call Meeting to Order at 6:00 pm
Roll Call
  - Christina Macy – Chem Exam
  - Hannah Mains – Traveling
  - Katie Reid – Family
  - Hannah Mulick – Wedding
Review Previous Minutes
  - March 21\textsuperscript{st}, 2013

McKay: Move to approve.
Seconded by Vanata.
Vote: 14/0/0.

Public Comment
Bonand: I’m Sheila, representative for the library. Upcoming library events. We celebrate national poetry month every year, Poetry Live will be Monday April 8, open mike poetry event with Bozeman Public Library. Other event is cause to distress. Therapy dogs in the library during finals week and dead week. We think it should be really fun so stop by and play with dogs! If you have any questions, there is contact info on this sheet. Thank you very much.

Presentations
  - RSAF Activity Courses – Abbey Keene
Keene: I’m Abbey Keene from Rec Sports and Fitness. I’m impressed with your dedication. Thanks for having me. Updates about what’s going on, especially classes for credit. Fall 2012 courses. 5 courses, 7 sections, every course was filled. We ran a pilot program in spring 2012. It went really well. Students paid $200 or so for the credit and it was a success. Fall swimming, racquetball, spinning, etc. We’re funded and held under the Provost office. We already have all of the infrastructure there so there’s a pretty minimal impact. The classes have all filled up and there has been a high demand. The course evaluations were all great, averaged 4.5 out of 5 for almost all of the categories. We could improve on organization of course and clarity of instruction. The average was 4 out of 5. This was the first time so it will only get better with time. Great student feedback. We added more cycling and yoga, basketball this spring. We’re progressing slowly but it’s going really well. It was mostly upper classmen that signed up for classes but students across the board. Majority of people took the course because they wanted to be fit and healthy, second was that they liked the activity. We also asked people what they would like to be added. Rock climbing and dance (zumba) were the top responses. More yoga, weight lifting, and tennis. We’ll see if we progress more if we can offer some of those courses. We got weight training, yoga, tennis, and race training approved for this summer. The weight training course has been in high demand for students. Proposal for fall is to increase to 23 courses, some new and some are more sections. We want to approve soccer, intermediate swimming, and intermediate volleyball. We want people who are intermediates so we want to split that up a bit. That will help people develop and split people up who played high school volleyball, things like that. In the future, we may need a course fee or something like
that. We hope to continue to have your support. We also have a new dean of education so some things may change there.

Vanata: Thank you for coming tonight. We’re excited about these courses and continuing to expand them. Tennis outside? Fall, spring, etc. Where would those tennis courses happen because of the space issue?

Keane: If we have it spring/fall semester, have it a half semester when we could do it outside and have it 4 days a week for an hour. That is one option. We’d have to collaborate to use the tennis center if we want to do the class during a time of year when it isn’t as nice out. There are options for us to do that.

Lamm: Thanks for coming. How can we support you more?

Keane: Talking to the provost, new dean of education, dean of student, people like that that the students want to continue and expand would really help out.

O’Donoghue: Thank you. The ones you’re trying to pass through provost now, how are you handling that since registration has already started?

Keane: New classes have to go through Helena because they’re in the MUS system but haven’t been added here. We have to fill out some forms. Provost is looking at cost revenue model, if it’s feasible to continue to progress this program, go through the registrar late. We added the basketball class and intermediate in the summer and didn’t advertise and it filled up quickly. I’m not worried about having to add the class late.

● SUB Cancellation Policy – Butch Damberger

Damberger: Did everyone get copies? Over the last few years, enrollment has grown so meeting space need has as well. It’s often difficult to get space here in the SUB. It’s more important that we use the space wisely. This process started this past fall with SUB advisory board so what do we do about no-shows or late cancellations? We felt we needed to do something to hold groups more accountable. We need to be tougher on this issue. We’ve come up with a policy we’d like to begin next academic year. I’m asking for ASMSU support of this policy so we could go to University Council. We’re going to charge groups if they cancel. This next year might be horrendous for Conference and Event Services. We want to get this out; we’ll still have problems and people coming to us not knowing about this. We’ve had 56 cancellations this semester. We’ve prorated the cost. Cancel late or no show, $25. Room like this, ballroom, $50. Two or more sections of ballroom, $200. Again, my feeling is this might be a rough first year for people but once they figure it out people will hold themselves much more accountable. We have no challenge policy for space. If we have a group come in that wants a date. Emancipator on Thursday, Newsboys on Friday. Promoter contacted us two months ago. EWB had Friday night reserved. They wanted to challenge one of those nights. Are you definitely going to have this? Down the road, if you decide at the last minute, we’ll hold you accountable because another party wanted that space. Now we allow groups to reserve 3,4,5 nights for next year. They do that so they can get space but when you realize you won’t need it, we have to know so we can keep that available to someone else. Any questions at this time?

Stiles: Thanks for coming. We’d like to take your back on this. CE had issues with not being able to get space, benefits us as much as it keeps us on the ball. I appreciate the policy, good direction, timelines and cost structure dead-on.
McKay: Thank you. The only comment that I’ve seen and heard from others is the last part of line 4. The “as well as the following academic year.” Poses a problem for student organizations. There is a lot of student leadership turnover and sometimes someone drops the ball. I’m worried it would punish next year’s leadership team even if they’re doing everything right.

Damberger: Also on here is common sense. That’s not what we’re getting at. This is not to punish student leaders but to help them get meeting space. The other part I want you to understand is that we want to hold our student groups accountable. We will hold them accountable for chargers. Of 56, 27% are student groups. Majority is campus organizations etc.

French: I appreciate the policy outline and idea. How are you envisioning forcing them to pay?

Damberger: We’ll give them time. We will bill them and expect payment, talk with Student Engagement and Kathy Tanner. We’ll freeze reservations if they don’t pay it. First year will be interesting but it will be great for us.

Goldstein: My only concern is that clubs may not know about this policy which shouldn’t be an issue if you advertise it well. What kind of advertising, notice will you get to clubs?

Damberger: When they get space, they will be given a sheet that they will sign off on this.

Goldstein: Some of these are all the ballrooms or large space. I understand why that frustrates you. I’m not sure about the category one with small rooms, how much has that a quantifiably negative affect on how the SUB functions.

Damberger: Not how SUB functions, it’s just that others could have used the space. Just the principle that someone else will likely have used the space had it been available. We realize that people must be made aware of this policy. That will be a large mission if the policy comes through so there are no surprises.

Vanata: My personal experience is that it has never cost our group to use small rooms. Does it cost outside groups to rent?

Damberger: $30 or so. Student groups don’t have to pay for any space, though. We toyed with the fees. We initially started with the small rooms being $10 but we want to do something that will get the attention of people. We want something that will hold people accountable. We’re not trying to generate revenue off of this.

Vanata: How do people check?

Damberger: Usually evening custodians. We won’t have someone going around so we may never know if people are there or not. The small rooms were the smallest offenders.

Vanata: Make sure this can be implemented so student organizations are aware of this, especially from a student organization that has no revenue. A way this can be implemented through OAE.

Damberger: That is our mission, to get the word out. If someone truly wasn’t aware, we won’t charge them necessarily.

- Legislative Update – Dani Clark

Clark: I’m here because it’s a break for appropriation bills. HB2 is general appropriations act, passed 100-0, and most important is the college affordability plan which was tuition freeze, ton of support from that
Legislator asked why student governments raise fees and then come to us asking for a tuition freeze. Something for you to be aware of. WAMI slots were approved so that’s exciting. I’ll go step by step and ask if you have questions for each bill so you don’t have to keep them for the end. HB5. Lots went on this week with HB5 and HB14, long range building appropriation bills which includes Romney Renovation. Republicans haven’t been in favor of bonding, HB14 so everything was moved to HB5. Ending balance. We haven’t been in favor because it’s a great time to bond, get good credit. Debt isn’t always a bad thing. So it was hectic but, for the most part, our legislators find these buildings important. For future reference, actively support HB5 and LRPB, Romney Renovation going, open up space in SUB for student organizations.

McKay: Is the College of Business Building moved to HB5?

Clark: Yes. Attempted amendment to authorize using less money but it was shut down.

Goldstein: With most of LRPB moved to HB4, what is left in HB14?

Clark: HB14 is still the authority to bond, so this is where the legislators are making up rules, going to become a revenue bill. Will be discussed next week and should make it through easily.

Goldstein: How does HB5 look?

Clark: Looks good. Republicans really in favor of that. Only problem people had was they didn’t want to bond. Issue with Missoula colleges but they’re trying to stress. Golf course issue. HB13 state pay plan. The deal was a 5% raise because last session raise failed. Decreased to 3.5% raise. Passed the house, looking good there, problem legislators having is admin have been getting raises but other workers weren’t getting raises so have to put trust in admin and might look into interim study to make sure that is happening correctly. HB30 late registration laws for voting. It was concurred by the Senate Committee, means they agree with house that it should become law. If that passes senate, not sure where it would go from Governor’s desk. Passed by a party line vote. Something to talk about constituents. “Hey, do you like voting?” Won’t get chance if you register late. Helping students make deadline, etc. I would say that it may cut thousands of students from voting. HB240 to clarify constitutional provisions related to Board of Regents and university system. It passed the house and senate committee with a party line vote so it will go before senate floor sometimes soon. It’s a little difficult to clarify constitutional rights and provisions without changing constitution. Montana Constitution, specifically. Section 4 of this was struck which was about free speech.

Abbey: Section 4 is struck so piece is 9th amendment rights?

Clark: That’s the new section four. It’s still a very small part of the bill.

Abbey: Any other rights it clarifies outside of free speech and right to bear arms?

Clark: Don’t believe so.

Goldstein: Clarifies right to bear arms on campus.

Clark: Open carry not concealed carry. Office of Commissioner of Higher Ed is actively lobbying against this bill. Not giving a stance because I didn’t feel comfortable doing that so I’m just informing. Commissioner’s office against bill and the Board of Regents is autonomous so it doesn’t have authority to rule this.
Goldstein: Who do we talk to if we have opinions?

Clark: Write to legislators in Bozeman or wherever you are registered to vote, talk to legislators who are in the committees. Most importantly, go to Board of Regents because we don’t know if this will become law or not because if you’re passionate that would be a good direction.

Goldstein: Is Mark working on this?

Clark: I’m not sure how active he is because we’re just informing people on this because we don’t want legislators to think we are taking a stance. At end of update. One more trans modal break. Deadline for revenue bills, hopefully come back and give you an update from that point and it you want further updates, feel free to email me. You can also call me. I do like hearing from you because I get lonely so feel free to call and chat. I do love the job and I hope I’m representing you all well. If there’s anything you want an update on or want me to sit in on a committee, let me know.

Vanata: Thanks for all of your work up there. Also, recognize that Dani just named as Newman Civic fellow, one of 181 students in nation, future generation of public problem solvers and civic leaders.

Clark: I know you’re bogged down. I want to remind you that you have constituents and you should be informing constituents beyond what is going on here. Talk to leadership execs. I’m worried that students aren’t reaching out. They never hear from students and that’s a problem because it’s beyond voting. You have to stay active in legislature. Important, can affect tuition. It will also affect out of state tuition so you still need to talk to everyone. I challenge you all to do that. Not friends with me on Facebook, add me. Montana State Legislature for Students. I don’t see as many of you reposting as much as I’d like. Move beyond whether or not you agree and update constituents.

- Unfinished Business
- New Business
  - FY14 Budget
    - Finance Board Recommendations – Erica McKay
    - Admin Recommendations – Kiah Abbey
    - Questions?

French: Move to move admin recommendations before finance board recommendations so senate has a proper understanding of flow of budget process.

Townshend: Keep motion there. Process I saw. I was thinking FB say recs first, talk about money changes made. Then have admin talk about high level philosophical changes. I think it makes sense to look at more specifics first and then answer questions on that end.

French: Personally I like the idea of philosophical side because we’ll see the nuts and bolts from here on out.

Seconded by Stiles.

Stiles: It’s your call.

Townshend: We’ll do it.

Abbey: We want to ensure we can empower programs to accomplish what we envision for them and what they hope to accomplish with their budgets. We had to make substantial cuts to requested
appropriations. Some of the larger changes perhaps you will recognize, like CE, much was taken from “Is this realistic, can this be accomplished with manpower we have now?” Li to fulltime in our budget to empower director to accomplish goals we want to see next year. Both Erica and I will be available for questions.

Townshend: It’s 4 pages. Changes under exec and finance board recs below.

McKay: Don’t look so sad. Put on a happy face. Title change for Operations Manager with slight pay raise, did reduce Office manager and ops manager training. We didn’t get any new computers from CFAC so we’ll go ahead and grab some new towers. Reduced rooms from 3 to 2 on Board of Regents trips, Cat Card allocation which is what President, VP, Business Manager, Senate President, and Senate VP have available when working late hours. Reduced that by $500 based on historical data, usage. Reduced food and venue for banquet. Summer stipends for VP, Pres. Not on campus, don’t get that. Read leadership books, meet everyone, etc. internship. All see admin fee changes, no control over those. Daycare unchanged. KGLT. You have the chance in the coming weeks to go through these one by one, that’s when you can get those detail questions answered. We’ll focus on broad overview tonight. KGLT took out $2200 because radio licensing fees no longer necessary. Legal, parking pass removed. Outdoor Rec had reduced budget for books and references, increased software. New software for rentals. FB put $80 back in, maybe have more access to new materials to transition. Admin fee. CE changes are based on historical expenses and revenues. Reduced costs of performers, openers, t-shirts, added a venue, reduced concert events, reduced Leigh Lounge to one a month, event hosting removed, removed overhead. Requested curtains were removed, venue was removed, we have plenty of space on campus, reduced large comedy show from 2 to 1. Elections request we removed cookies and coffee from senate elections, just Cake. Can print table tents in office so that’s awesome. Late Night. Was increased, posters now printed by streamline. PR graphic designer moved to a 9 month stipend, lot to do in August and historically goes to work way before school starts. Admin removed senator business cards, upheaval. FB put back senator cards. Good marketing tool for you, not a huge expense, improve business cards? We are able to do that without a huge expense. At discretion of senators, don’t feel them, can give them to execs. Pro: Sundance we took out. Productions: trying to take the van out of supplemental. Big change there. Spirit: $500 per DJ at black party, Service Saturdays have funding from elsewhere so don’t need that. Leadership. Half time to fulltime, no half time classified assistant, add in half time student. Cheaper. Based on historical costs reduced honorariums, parking passes, room reservations, admin just bought a nice camera that Li can use so we took that out, took out cleaning supplies, free conference call services on campus so took that out. Any questions for Kiah (philosophy) or myself (numbers, pennies, dimes, etc.)?

Townshend: Some of these changes may deal with sensitive issues that could potentially deal with personnel. Tread lightly, do this in most professional way possible. For this process, no discussion tonight. Questions about this. I will filter questions so we aren’t asking any compromising questions. Want to ask outside, come talk to me in my office outside of the meeting. From now on, this is Senate’s budget, need to do all we can to make it best budget for ASMSU. Best possible, ask questions professionally.

Vanata: What do you mean by filtering?

Townshend: Too far toward a potential personnel issue, step back and talk at later time. Next week, go through budgets one by one starting with classified programs. PDs will be here to answer questions about budgets. More specific questions will be answered directly. I want to talk holistically and general questions about the budget.
Stiles: We do want to discuss issues outside of this room. Need to close chambers prior to asking questions? The person included is privy to conversation.

Vanata: With spirit recs, where did Mandy say that funding was coming from?

McKay: Parent and Family Association, Dean of Students Office.

Vanata: Classified positions. Moving LI to fulltime director. Intention behind that?

Abbey: We want to move forward with that because we don’t feel this will fulfill the needs we are currently asking of the LI. Business needs, developing better relationship with alumni foundation, people are cognizant of budget, LI can support move for Year of Engaged Leadership. Support initiatives we’d like to see.

Lamm: Clarification questions. Admin requests. What is the justification for title change for ops manager? Underpaying this?

Jackson: Operations manager position has changed over time, goes through HR, will get a raise through title change.

Lamm: Could we decrease Cat Card allocation by $1000 v $500?

McKay: Good questions when we open up admin budget, delve into that. Can do whatever you want. Admin is there to show you direction they want, FB to tell you what is fiscally responsible to do with student fees, you get to vote on those. Great conversations for outside of meetings, in future meetings. 2/3 vote necessary to overturn finance board.

French: Maintain balanced budget.

Townshend: I’ll explain process in more depth after questions.

Thuringer: For NACA, we send four students, correct?

Murdock: Depends on which we send them to. National NACA we send less students, regional, send more.

Abbey: Also send Colleen.

Thuringer: NACA is 5grand, Sundance is 2grand. Why is Sundance getting cut?

Abbey: NACA has training, connections with musical artists, agents, training based. Sundance is more entertainment based. No training, no signing of films there, you could watch those films at home. Where NACA you can’t have that experience at home. It’s probably very rewarding, but we don’t feel it’s providing us same outcomes.

Murdock: NACA allows us to collaborate with campuses in the area and book together. Also have a film section of NACA so that’s a conversation we could move forward with. Take Sundance out but still want that opportunity, make them one of students that are able to go to NACA. We can look at that. More training based experiences.

Thuringer: It is my understanding that it is the only place to see some films.

Higgins: NACA budget is for four students and Colleen, five people to NACA for cost.
Abbey: Sundance is one person.

Stiles: I have a request for information for Kiah. Could you give me a history of the hours of summer internships and an outline of what that looks like?

Abbey: This was the first year we did it, so I can give you what we have from this summer.

Murdock: Meetings, meetings notes, etc.

Stiles: If you could give me a list of the goals and objectives for internship, hours, etc. that would be appreciated.

Abbey: Summer pay is contingent on doing the internship.

Stiles: I’d like info to justify.

Howard: I apologize, wasn’t paying too close of attention. Could you go back over added computers, admin request? No CFAC money?

McKay: Our application came back; we received computers that were the same age we already have so it won’t do anything.

Townshend: Thuringer will fill you in on CFAC process.

Thuringer: The earmarked equipment is not the same, different computers of higher quality; those are the computers he would prefer to have in his office. I can give him your contact info.

Abbey: We were advised those were not up to par, send those to Colleen?

Higgins: I know we have received reallocated computers in the past and had issues, why the request was to put it back in the budget. The money is for the computers that need to be replaced next year. We want newer ones. Colleen has been through CFAC process quite a bit so she has more information about that.

Townshend: Move into the quick discussion on how we will proceed with the rest of the budgeting seasons? We will open the budget on the 4th, 11th, 18th. End of meeting 18th, have to have approved and closed the budget. What I envision is we open the budget on the fourth, budgets up on the screen, talk to you about technology in a second, move through each budget, ask question of program director and have discussion around budget within the body. Important to note people in room not a part of senate are to answer questions and not to be grilled. Really want advice, ask them outside of meeting. The more we yield time to those in the room who know more, the more influence we can be at the moment. It’s much better to get information beforehand and have time to process. Because we’ll be looking at these budgets in order, we’ll make the changes as we see fit at the time. What that involves is a 2/3 vote to overrule a finance board recommendation. Any change on a specific line item, we have to have a 2/3 vote to put that into effect. What French brought up? I want to make sure that for each change, we know where we want to put the money. If you want to move $600 added for the venue back into the budget, you have to know where the $600 is coming from or going to. Add or take out of supplemental. There is no fixed number for the supplemental.

Lamm: Supplemental does not have to be at $30,000. Whatever we end up with is fine.

Townshend: No set rule for the supplemental. Setting dollar value for next years supplemental.
French: Try not to trash the supplemental because that money is used. Think about what we’ve been doing this year with the supplemental.

Marshall: As FB recommends, 20grand in supplemental, keep it around 15, be well aware of how much you want to take out and what you want it to go to?

McKay: If you need historical amount out of supplemental, come see Lauren, Brandi, or I so you can make an educated decision.

Oak: Who is productions campus liaison?

French.

Oak: Decision was to move van to supplemental, how serious is the need?

French: In my opinion, the van is not to the quality or reliability necessary.

McKay: We pulled it out that due to our current supplemental balance we would be able to cover that as a supplemental. Kind of a language type situation. Still be funded but not out of FY14.

Stiles: Spoke with him as well regarding the van, he is well aware that French said is correct, because we moved it to supplemental, it may not happen. Lots of balls up in the air, narrow them down in priorities. He said that van sat secondary to others things was my impression.

Townshend: Let’s talk about this outside of meeting.

McKay: We will have the same finance board for the request we are making. We are requesting it come out of supplemental a few weeks from now.

Howard: The van request is this year, won’t wait until next fiscal year?

McKay: Originally in FY14 budget (Starts July 1, 2013). We feel supplemental is healthy enough that the van could come out of supplemental that would have to be cut when we have 77grand that needs to be cut from requested appropriations.

Oak: With high ticket will drain our supplemental, particularly when supplemental should sit at 15grand.

McKay: Working with Alex, wait till end of year to make sure all other programs get what they need. Last minute requested from supplemental. We have a little over $20,000 right now.

Townshend: Questions not about the van?

Stiles: What color is it going to be?

Townshend: Technology during discussion on budgets. We can have budgets up here and be scrolling through them. Or we could allow technology so you can see the parts of each project you would like to see. How does that sound? I need you all to not play but respect the use of your technology during that time and I want to continue the no technology rule when we are not discussing the budget.

Higgins: We want to give you access to activity sheets, if you don’t have access to opal drive come see me. Three senators come see me last week, don’t have access, come see me on Monday.

Townshend: Because it is your own technology, French will give a quick training on how to get on budgets on personal devices. There will be no excuse to not have budget in front of you. I want to
reiterate how important some of these decisions are and how carefully we have to tread when discussing them. If you have questions about the budgets you feel are potentially overstepping or more than just what is here or about more specifics, please come talk to me outside of the meeting so we can decide how to ask the questions.

Vanata: I’m aware of some of how we need to tread lightly. Some people may not know what you are talking about. I’m not sure how we communicate what specifically we’re tiptoeing around. I find it concerning because I feel there are a lot of people on the same page but some people are not.

Townshend: All of this will become clear as we proceed in next few weeks. We will have opportunities to discuss with program directors, etc.

Vanata: Could we be briefed on HR and policy so we understand what overstepping our boundaries looks like?

Townshend: Work on that next week. Apologize I don’t know. New thing for us, trying to proceed in best way possible. I apologize for that. Questions?

- 2013-R-14 Support for Continued Sale of the Story Mansion
  - Steve Rowe, Billy Dove
  - First reading of 2013-R-14.
- 2013-Funding-13 – Blue and Gold Ball
  - Campus Entertainment

McKay: Finance Board approved this, 6 yea’s, 0 no’s, last time Blue and Gold Committee comes to us. What they’re trying to do with new budget and system, put aside money to put on event next year. We are supporting this because it incorporates large amount of students. Caveat that it’s the last time we’ll support. Be more sustainable.

Move to approve by French.

Seconded by Stiles.

Lamm: Funding for decorations and lights. Is this going toward Shakespeare in the Parks at all?

McKay: My understanding is everything there is incorporated with B&G ball.

Townshend: Getting lights from Shakespeare in the Park.

Vanata: I’d like to say I appreciate Finance Board’s support. Great event last year especially for it being its first year. Vote for it, go to event!

Lamm: Just because we’re talking about supplementals, where will it leave out supplemental if we approve it?

Jackson: $18,574.00 left if you approve full $2000.

Stiles: Previous question.

Seconded by Howard.

All in favor of previous question. 14/1/0. One abstention.
Vote on FR: 14/0/0. One abstention.

- **Bylaws**
  - **Michael Townshend**
    
    Townshend: Last item of new business is awesome. I send out bylaws official first draft. Did my best to get little typos out of the way. I know I missed something. Please make sure that you look for little typos and let me know and I will incorporate those. 32 pages now as opposed to over 100. Some big fundamental changes. Moved from specific definitions from programs and we’ll parse that out more into manuals for each program. Updated in accordance with bylaws. Follows similar order as previous bylaws. Article 3: Hiring and Firing Practices. Big one, important to take seriously. Deals with who hires, how much Senate is involved. Thought it was best to require a Senator to be on hiring committee and take out confirmation process. CCBTs Article 4. Definition from office of planning and analysis saying what these are for, will help clarify things for us, in reality won’t change much but it’s important. Outlined CCBTs we wanted in the bylaws. Starting with admin council. Those are the weekly meetings we have to discuss general operations. Constitutional audit committee makes sure all bills submitted for amending bylaws, constitution. Initial check that it makes sense before coming to senate. Finance board is in there. Student organization funding board, to allocate student organization fee in accordance with document which has authority to change. LI legal services, outdoor rec, all have committees, etc. All up for discussion. Explain ASMSU task forces, look at everything and can consist of basically anyone. A few senators have a project? Form a task force, go forth and conquer. Article 5 senate rules. What happens in meetings, and as senators. Apply only to meetings of senate. Can be suspended by 2/3 vote for remainder of meeting. Session first meeting of fall to last meeting of spring. Voting would be interesting to look at, very important. We follow Roberts Rules, exceptions can be made. Read through that and give me your thoughts. Exec session is closed to public, have to announce rationale for why you want to close meeting. Only to address confidential issues. Personnel involved have option to make open meeting. In accordance with Board of Regents process.

French: Minutes during exec session?

Townshend: No public record, president keeps minutes. 50% +1 for quorum. In absence of quorum, all we’ll do is yield to public for relevant information. Proxy votes issue in past, is only allowed if senator has been there for majority of conversation and leave written note with Senate President, and nature of motion cannot have changed. The best way is to say no proxy votes are allowed. You should be there for whole discussion. Can send replacement on behalf if absent but can’t take place in discussion. Replacement does not constitute attendance of that senator. Parliamentary authority says newest version of Roberts Rules should be used assuming it is applicable does not conflict the authorities in these bylaws.

Vanata: Excuse from senate, exam, why isn’t a proxy vote necessary in that case, especially important issues?

Townshend: Not to belabor it too much, I personally feel that new information is brought to table irresponsible to vote on something that may have shifted meaning.

Vanata: Can’t assume they will shift opinion if they were presented and won’t be swayed.

Abbey: MSU Policy says if you are representing an organization and you have to miss class or exam, MSU faculty is required to allow that. If you’re passionate about that you want to send a proxy, it’s important
that you’re there. I would agree with Michael that you have to be there to vote. Proxies in the past have voted not in favor of what the person they were representing felt and rather voted according to the way they felt. Sending a proxy, giving the opportunity to be you and vote however you like. Want to vote, need to be there to vote on it. It has happened before.

Townshend: Can we have discussion outside of this meeting? I’m considering this the first reading. We can discuss it for hours if you want to. Programs: defining who they are. In order to make a new one, we’d have to change the bylaws. Deciding composition of programs. Fee-based programs, student programs, classified programs, we already have link so fee-based makes sense to me instead of dollar programs. Also might want to have funding board on here as well because that technically is funded from the student organization fee. It’s complicated because it’s a board and we don’t oversee it. Program director duties in general, program oversight is another really important part to look at so please do so. Elections: I just wrote this so no one has looked at this. I did this in conjunction with the group that looked at elections bylaws last year. Took a lot out thinking a lot made more sense in policies and procedures manual for elections. Utilize University of Washington and Wyoming bylaws for reference. Please read over this and let me know of anything that needs to be change there. Fewest eyes here. Elections committee composition, authority of that. Candidacy: I put it on here. Not a good idea? We can remove it. Write in petition.

French: For senate seats as well?

Townshend: Petition is for all of those applying. Election schedule saying primary. More than two tickets for Pres/VP, primary election is necessary. Talked about election, ticket majority vote on that, we will always have a general election because we decided to move senate elections to the spring. General elections Tuesday/Wednesday before spring break. Voting in college in which they are enrolled, all may vote for at large, etc. defined in constitution.

Thuringer: Jurisdiction applies to students enrolled in two colleges?

Townshend: As far as bylaws are considered, enrolled in two, vote for one or the other. Don’t get another vote. They can narrow it down with the computer system to the two colleges you are enrolled in and can vote from there on one of the colleges, based on student id.

Gold: Not be based off which is listed first on transcript.

McKay: Does say primary degree, secondary degree. Dual degree will put you in two colleges, primary and secondary, one comes first and that is something we can discuss.

Townshend: From what I understand, they can’t narrow it down to more than two colleges. More questions on that? Campaigning board definition. Can’t break laws, large section of policies and procedures in manual. Current terms. Special elections proper authority has to call for that. Senate districts. 21 senators each college, graduate studies, Gallatin College, warrants good discussions, keep that in mind.

French: Do grad students pay ASMSU fee?

Townshend: They’re added into totally of EHHD when seats are allocated. If they don’t vote, they don’t count, shouldn’t be counted for allocation of seats.

Murdock: They do vote and pay a fee.
Townshend: MSU Students. This is what’s in the bylaws right now. Any student enrolled in more than one college may represent either of the colleges. Allocation of senate seats. Lots of apportionment methods, the house has gone through 5 in the last 150 years. We have the same thing number of students in each college divided by three not represented by us, multiplied by 18, rounded to nearest integer value, etc. each college is minimum of one seat, as long as 25% of students in the college are eligible to vote. That’s not a huge issue, basically a given. Reallocation takes place in spring every odd year. Too few at large candidates, senate will appoint to that position within 3 meetings following. Fiscal policy. Fees, ASMSU funds (different than fees), built into activity fee, retirement fund, confusing because part of the reserve, senate discretionary which we will discuss in this budget. Moves onto operating fund which is what we are allocating through this budgeting process, talking about annual budget procedures. No set way, we’ve done it on historical methods. This will formalize that process of admin to finance board to us. Fund use: used for different function as long as same goal is met. Ensure what we are budgeting for now actually happens in the coming years. Change? Notify, have to confirm that is okay. Legislation and Resolutions will require some more work. Bylaw amendments. How this will happen. All amendments take effect immediately. Resolutions haven’t changed. Support or opposition of change in student fees shall be expressed by resolution. As you can imagine, this gets really confusing. The Montana legislature has about 8 different ways they formally legislate. Worth your while to look at the best way to do this. Referendums to students or from students.

French: I was aware of the one percent number of total members required to put something on ballot?

Townshend: 1% of population, 140 people. Look at in that sense, 5 isn’t a hard and fast number and is up for discussion as well.

Goldstein: Bylaws coming together nicely, hats off to you. In terms of final steps. How will we go about doing final edits and meeting about this?

Townshend: I’m going to consider this the first reading. What we have to do is adopt the new bylaws. We want to do it as close to the legitimate form as bills and amendments in past, ¾ vote. I foresee changes made would love to have them submitted directly before meeting so we can disperse information and have that discussion before hand. Any small changes and require less discussion I will batch into one amendment. The others we will discuss separately and individually. That may not be a perfect system. We can move to take stuff out of batch if it is deemed necessary. Three meetings left. Pass a budget and I would love to have these done and approved. We’ll need to work on this as well. Whether we open up and have discussion to vote next week or following is up to you.

French: Tackle budget because we have the power of setting up a meeting time outside of this to handle issue. This is more pressing.

Lamm: I feel as though we should put budgeting first in old business next week. Go through that in time laws, table bylaws to week after, out on table to work on as a senate, table if need be.

Thuringer: I’m looking at 11th as a good day to do this but we need to see bylaws through to end of semester. Owe to Michael, read bylaws we’re operating on, we can’t really wait on this, job to put in work to understand everything in them, have opinions formed, and know what you want.

McKay: Reason I can’t stress enough having conversations outside of this meeting. Budget and bylaws extremely pressing. Don’t think bylaws trumped by budget. Need to put a lot of thought into, know asking a lot of you guys, lots of outside time. These are huge. Changing the way ASMSU works as a body
right now. Extremely important we pass both of these by the end of the semester. I like Senator Lamm’s suggestion, put in old business, get them done and hash out in next three meetings.

Howard: Inclined to agree with French, has to be passed by July 1. Understand the importance of bylaws so we might consider work on both of them simultaneously throughout meetings. Switch between two when we get frustrated. Ease tension in senate meeting room.

Goldstein: I think Howard's point is well taken but not very practical. Have both on agenda and allowing us to go through them in a manner that best suits the body is perfectly acceptable and would do us a huge disservice to table these longer. May make for a few long meetings, our legacy in this body. Get bylaws through in addition to the budget. Support Lamm’s idea.

Dove: Agree with Goldstein, Lamm.

Townshend: I think it would make sense to open it for discussion next week but feel no pressure to finish it next week. Open it and table if we need to. This is not the best thing to say but these in their current form are a heck of a lot better than current. Even get these in there and make changes at beginning of next semester. Task a group of senators new in fall to continue this process. It needs to happen every semester that we look at this and see what is important. No other questions on bylaws, done with new business.

- Admin Reports
  - President – Kiah Abbey

  Abbey: Monday all applications are due for ASMSU program directors so please encourage people to apply. Regent apps due April 1 get those in. I helped write SUB policies, questions, let me know. I thought charges should be higher. Student clubs should be charged as everyone else. Never ask employee to do something I wouldn’t do. Professional development, policy in response to how majority of offices on campus have been disregarding the importance of having spaces open on campus. Make sure rooms used to best of ability. HB240, constitutional precedent it may set, come talk to me. Won’t encourage you one way or another but love to talk about it. Questions about exec budget, give you my phone number? Want to chat, let me know. Text me, call me; love to answer questions you may have. I think senate president Townshend is being cautious with HR stuff. Conversation will be more open than maybe he was alluding to. Lot more openness that can be there. Yay for university day tomorrow. Have fun with your three day weekend!

Townshend: There’s nothing we can’t discuss in bylaws, all applause (changed from applesauce) outlawed.

  - Vice-President – Lindsay Murdock

  Murdock: Reiterate: apps due April 1, interested in hiring committee haven’t heard interest yet, will work to integrate you with committees. KGLT is in the middle of their fund drive, student directors getting transition binders in, input on those and want other info added please let them know, transition meeting on Monday. I got an email today form student success. ASMSU scavenger hunt. Hannah Mains did (Abbey) okay perfect. Don’t have much other than that. We’re really bust transitioning, looking at budgets, please be meeting with senate liaisons.

Quote: “coming together is a beginning, keeping together is process, and working together is success.”

  - Business Manager – Lauren Jackson
Jackson: as you can see, today the 28th we approved sponsorship. Current supplemental is $18,574.37. All budgets in black so that’s cool, everything on target for revenue so that’s cool. I know a lot. If I don’t know it, I’ll call people who do and they usually pick up the phone. Please let me know. If you want to know anything, I will try to find an answer for you. My office hours are posted and I’ll keep you posted as well.

- Senate President – Michael Townshend
Townshend: Me again. Megan from health promotions asked me to hand out fliers about a forum that will happen to talk about tobacco ban next week April 1st and it would be really cool to see senators go to that to hear what people are saying and to participate. I know it’s kind of last minute but please get in touch if you’d like to attend. You have to sign up, probably in the SUB. She wants senators there.

- Senate Vice President – Erica McKay
McKay: I think if you’re really excited about activity courses, get a resolution out, they want some support. I cannot stress enough GET ON THE BUDGETS, talk to people outside, such a huge help if you have conversations outside of here so no one is hearing anything for the first time in here. Bylaws, budget, talk about it outside. It’s great for everybody. Also more info when it isn’t such a public, formal setting. Request: remember what our purpose is here. I know last year was really easy for me to be like “I said no” because I’m stubborn. We’re here for our constituents, to do the best thing for them. Keep them at number one. Can be hard, lots of lobbying, all here to represent students, all here for same reasons. Be nice to one another. Bring opinions to table, state them explicitly in a nice way, BE CIVIL. Have conversations outside, going to do great with budgeting and bylaws. Do research. Go ASMSU!

Townshend: I forgot two things. Abbey. Said well. Time where we can have discussion about changes. I wasn’t being clear at all, thank you for seeing that. Next week, week after is the time. I hope that reassures you a bit senator Vanata. I would really not like to see a bunch of resolutions on meeting on 18th, lot more things we’ll be attending to. Request all resolutions want in before end of semester to me BY TUESDAY. If that sounds unreasonable, let me know. That’s my request.

- Senate Reports
Howard: I met with both RSF advisory board and pre disaster mitigation planning committee. RSF nothing major, looking into new lockers. Thoughts? Talk to Steve Erickson, Melanie Hix. Pre disaster committee. If a large enough earthquake hit large we’re all dead. 2007 listed out projects, wanted to make safe. Hundreds f those projects. They have completed three of them. Includes natural gas emergency shutoff valves, most of those are not in place. On that doomsday note, we’re done.

Vanata: LI liaison, discuss more of budget, specifically half time to full time director. Discussion and difference in opinions that matter will come up. Come talk to me, point you in a direction that’s unbiased. Well informed with that. Athletics: see as an issue with VP Murdock. Your opinion so we can carry those on. UAC. Student wellbeing. Exit interviews, surveys. Most of this committee contains faculty. Myself and SAC rep. in prep for interviews, whether or not students should be sitting in on these interviews. Students that are graduating out of athletics. Conversation up to president Cruzado, no students weighed in on decision. I emailed multiple people. Lindsay contacted 3 or 4 days ago. One concern is that students might feel uncomfortable with other students in the room. Assumption. Student never previously on there. My main concern was process that went through. Underlying intentionality behind it all, recommended that we ask student athletes if they felt comfortable before they entered the room. I’m concerned with that with whole representation. Apart from exit interview,
don’t have much contact with students within that committee. Love to hear your opinion apart from mine so Lindsay can also be informed, talking to president Cruzado on Wednesday.

Lamm: Are you asking us to write a resolution?

Vanata: I think we have opportunity to say hey, why are student thrown out of the mix? Resolution? Exit interviews have already been conducted. Many have been already. Can’t carry concern. Time sensitive, most word of mouth or minutes to share with president Cruzado.

McKay: Student representation is important in all facets of university life. Student representation being hindered, we need to act on it.

Thuringer: I’d like to talk about this with you later.

Townshend: I think it makes sense to have this conversation, include VP Murdock and have that afterward.

Vanata: One more note, take a look at committees you are involved in. I think other members of committees see turnover and not necessarily understanding involvement in committee. We are there for a purpose to represent students, see if your opinions weighed in, representing students well on committees.

Goldstein: I’ve been in a capstone on a comprehensive thesis dealing with academic misconduct. Policy section of capstone has posed reforms to current conduct code. Or what we’re looking to do is add an academic integrity clause in student code of conduct. About plagiarism. We will be working on as a group; I’ve talked to a couple senators about trying to push through a resolution. Anyone interested in jumping on board with that, have a reactionary policy currently that we do not believe is effective. Open to any input.

French: Had a meeting with Dr. Potvin and Dr. Single. MOOCs, massively open online courses. Discussion about whether or not there are courses can give credit at MSU or in a MUS campus. Really interesting topic because the Board of Regents just joined a group of 35 other states that have pledged to have 60% of people college-educated under age for 30 by 2050. That’s significantly higher percentage that what we currently have. Require all student bricks and mortar, not feasible. Other options being explored, one of them. One at MIT that was funded by grants that was at no cost to people taking it. Taught material to 150,000 and able to demonstrate competency in this area.

Lamm: Interested in ACT course resolution. Join me; we can start working on it this week.

- Senate Announcements
O’Donoghue: This coming week on Tuesday and Wednesday Steve Running, capturing speaker, Nobel laureate, students at 7:30 in Reynolds Hall. Free, call honors to reserve. ASMSU sponsoring him being on campus the next day. Meet and greet 9:30-11 in Leigh Lounge. NECO, Sustainability, ASMSU, sponsors. Senators there wearing name tags would be awesome!

Howard: Wish a happy national black forest cake day.

Townshend: And he didn’t bring us any.

Goldstein: Take back the night at the VOICE Center, really good opportunity. Thursday April 4th, raise community awareness. 6pm survivor speak out 7pm visual, march downtown to Baxter, food, dance, t-
shirts, Missy O’Malley. Definitely worth time show support for real problem in all communities. Go there, help out.

Thuringer: Steve Running. Go. Be awesome. All received email about Story Mill. Want lots of input. Thank you Lauren Jackson. Not responding, giving up opportunity to effect what we’ll say. Want field space? Running trails? What do your constituents want? Input, get at me with that.


Vanata: LI National Advisory Board Saturday. Good input about LI’s role in Year of Engaged Leadership, future action items. Get more info, come sooner thanks.

Move to adjourn by Stiles.

Seconded by Howard.

- Meeting Adjourned at 8:45pm.