ASMSU Senate Minutes – March 7th, 2013
SUB 235

APPROVED – 3/21/13

- Call Meeting to Order at 6:00 pm
- Roll Call
  - Marshall – Conference
  - (Many Senators at Board of Regents and Rotunda Day in Helena – Absences for this reason will be excused)
- Review Previous Minutes
  - February 28th, 2013

Move to approve by McKay.
Seconded by Vanata.

Vote: 12/0/0. One abstention by Mulick.

- Public Comment
- Presentations
  - Outdoor Rec – Ryan Diehl

Diehl: Thanks for having me here. I appreciate it. Last week was my first week and I’m now a seasoned vet. I’ll go on to explain our new employee training, banner training, strategic ops plan for next year. You’ll see a more flushed out version of this in the next few weeks. I have a plan that I put together for 1-3, 3-5, 5-10 year vision. Happy to share that but I’m not going to touch much tonight. I’m a save trees kind of guy so I didn’t print them all. I’m going to discuss how to grow the Outdoor Rec program effectively. I touched base with senate liaisons last night. I gave them a more in depth presentation. Go to them first if you have questions. Always welcome to my office, too. Proactively chart future growth of the organization. How I will engage this body, student body to grow. I believe an organization is never at a point where there is no possibility for improvement. We have all potential in world for tons of exciting growth to happen in next year. Operations assessment, professional assessment. Equipment is adequate. For the status quo, equipment is sufficient, if not slightly outdated. Lack of technical equipment to grow the program. Skiing gear, climbing, ice climbing, mountaineering, snowboarding, etc. Trip safety: stellar. Lack of standardized progression in student trip leader training. Beginner trips, low risk activities. Expand breadth and depth of these trips. There’s a moderate variety of instructional activities. Outside entities to teach WFR, things like that. Part of why I was hired: trained to do bunch of this stuff. Like to pull more of that in house. More free instructional programs free to students. Trips have a lot of room for growth. Students served by rental shop are highly satisfied, stability. Mike spent his 30 year career building program that is very well regarded. There is still definitely room for growth and improvement. I do stand by my assertion that I firmly believe the Outdoor Rec program has the potential to become the best, most used program on campus and for all MSU students. Talking points. Purchasing of new computer systems, things like that. Some goals I set. First goal: make Outdoor Rec a core component of MSU student experiences. It’s so important given the location and feasibility of outdoor recreation. Complement the academic experience. Go to place for students to learn skills, connect with each other. Expand breadth and depth of services to positively impact more students. Like to branch out into climbing, skiing, other markets like those. Teach students who don’t have experience with those activities how to do so safely. More equipment. Haven’t completely made decisions, trying to get senate liaisons more involved with decisions. Rental revenues, etc. see those numbers in a month or
so. I’d like to strengthen financial base. Increase rental revenue, diversifying revenue streams, and growing our effective operational reach on campus. Develop an effective brand for MSU Outdoor Rec. Connect us to students. Put up students to students. New logo I hope. Stickers, t-shirts, etc. designed by MSU Students for our program. Student driven marketing campaign, dialogue with students here. We want to serve student population how they would like to be served.

Reid: Thank you so much for coming. I can tell you put a lot of effort into doc. I really like to idea about reselling equipment shared with Senator Macy and me. Would you mind elaborating on that?

Diehl: I would like to manage inventory different than my predecessor. I want an emphasis on quality equipment, up to date. Each incoming freshman class will have a new line of equipment purchased. Inventory replacement that happens every year and each year there is an inventory sale. We purchase wholesale price down there which helps us out quite a bit. Purchasing cycle 2-4 years depending on equipment. Items up for sale back to the students. Pay for themselves in 3 years, 4th year generates revenue, put it up for sale at 50-70% of price. There would be an available gear sale every year. Not same equipment every year. Rafts, stand up paddle boards one year, skis and snowshoes next year. Keep inventory current.

Mains: I would highly suggest your marketing ideas, talk to Isaac Hunter. Think you’d work well together.

Diehl: He’s on my list. It’s getting longer, not shorter.

Macy: Thanks for coming. Senator Reid and I met with him last night. Lot of great ideas, urge you to read everything he sent out. Talk to Reid or I if you have questions or suggestions.

Lamm: Have you done that sale before, seen everything sell?

Diehl: Everything doesn’t sell every year. But it’s been well received, great event for my program, more foot traffic in there, open tables for students to sell their own gear, generally held in spring or fall and people can come get excited about outdoor stuff. Did it at Utah State.

• Budget Presentations

Townshend: Great job on a successful spring election to Eric Vann. We had an 11% voter turnout and he got his cast off.

Bury: Like him on Facebook.

- Elections – Eric Vann

Vann: Thanks for having me tonight. Budget, goals, how activities further goals, etc. Premise of elections is find student leaders. Find people willing to put in time to improve campus. Mission statement: actively engages and recruits the future campus leaders. Basically, four main ideas in this statement are the goals I will go into in a minute. Goal one: recruiting future leaders. Senator, President or Vice President, ASMSU provides leadership experiences for these students to grow. Goal two: Support the candidates. MSU is fairly disengaged in terms of what goes on at ASMSU. Doesn’t mean they can’t be involved in everything we offer. Want to improve that. Support candidates, give them resources and opportunities necessary while we’re working on more people engaged. Goal three: Campus knowledge and awareness. The more the candidates are out there showing who they are, the more students are aware of what’s going on. Four: promoting value in ASMSU. Students aware and knowledgeable about everything we offer. Involved, contribute more which is ultimately what we want. Elections and voting will all play an important role to show us where we are at, where campus is. Definitely room for
improvement. Only source of revenue is from the application process. It’s $5 for Senators to run and $10 for Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates. If you have creative ideas on more revenue, let me know. Expense and activities: exponent ads: $2320. 6 quarter page ads and 4 half-page ads. Two used twice a year to feature candidates, quarter page voting days, times, application process. Hopefully inspires right people to become involved. Food: $950. Free cake and coffee for the debates. Catering put voting day on the cake. At least coming to events, somewhat aware. Rest of total is from Senate elections if we have Senate forums, cookies or something to entice people to show up. Food is a big part of getting students involved. ITC charges $100 per semester for ballot setup. Primary is free so that’s cool. Printing is $400. For table tents, posters, etc. Table tents are a little tedious to put out but are successful. Definitely some cost there but built in are $125 per semester for table tents, $75 per semester for posters. Labor: includes director stipend 35 hours a month, $2800. Money for elections associate to work 70 hours per semester. Really valuable during fall semester especially when there are tons of people running. Regardless of senate election times, nice to have someone help out. Admin fee: $324. Hard to move that at all. Goals: it’s important to have ads to let leaders know this opportunity available. Support candidates through features. The more we do that, more campus is aware, more knowledgeable about everything we have to offer, people can see why we’re important and making a difference on campus.

Lamm: Thank you, you did an awesome job.

Goldstein: Voter turnout was impressive and I think you’re aiming high and that’s where we need to be looking.

Films – Chantell Bury

Bury: I had fun making my Prezi. Frustrated me so much I had to stop but I figured it out. Mission statement reading. Daily theater operations are currently done by work study students. Opening up to non-work study students next year so we have a wider range of people applying. 1100 hours a year that theater operates, productionists are working. Director’s stipend and workers compensation. Daily ops: 25 films a year, usually around 1500 per film. Advertising, tri-weekly ads in exponent to get it out there to Bozeman. Copycats, tri-weekly posters. Revenue from tickets is $10,000. We’re at a good mark right now. Bringing in Hobbit and some other films that should bring in decent revenue. Activities: Rocky Horror Picture Show. It’s pretty interesting. Fundraiser for Gallatin Valley Food Bank. 600-800 cans and some money each year. Everything for that is $1575. We are doing a Pro-Expo, Comic Con style event for the whole family. Art exhibits with the Exit Gallery, CE. Goal is to do one non-film event. Including several clubs on campus and MSU bookstore. Sundance Film Festival: we drove this last year. Plane instead of driving was $100 difference. Costs about $1200 for everything. Minor costs: projector maintenance, telephone, food. Right now we’re really loving our rubber bands. If our projector goes kaput we’re out of luck so we’re doing our best to keep stuff together right now. Crunching numbers, a little over $51,000. Majority is cost of films/advertising and labor.

Reid: How you chose $200 for maintenance?

Bury: Cost of spools, 50-80 bucks. There are also minor things like screws. Nice solid number. DVD player has been coming and going. We need to purchase our own, $75 for that.

Lamm: Increase or decrease at all?
Bury: Slight increase with non-work/study and more advertising to get people in. It’s a few thousand dollar increase. Shipping has increased dramatically in this last year.

Unfinished Business

Townshend: Thank you, Brandi, for all of your work with budgeting and getting all of this together. I want to explain the rest of the budgeting process. Next week is spring break. Week after, won’t look at ASMSU budgets because we have other fee stuff to do with other fees. Admin team is meeting so Lauren, Kiah, and Lindsey will have recommendations ready week after spring break which will go to finance board who will look at them Monday after spring break and the week after and their recommendations will be in our meeting on the 28th, looking at bottom line, making cuts and changes where necessary. Duty as senators is to know your program’s budgets inside and outside. You need to have answers to questions other senators will ask. Holistic in one document based on bottom line: can’t have all program directors here all the time to answer questions. Process over three or four weeks. Has to be done on the 18th of April. Where it stands now, $87,000 of cuts we need to make at this point. All on you to make sure you have a good idea of what is going on. Admin, finance board will do homework and it’s very important you do yours as well. Anything you want to add?

Higgins: Had payroll numbers double-checked. Some of the numbers we’re coming up with are different than original presentation. We’re updating numbers which is why we’re over $87,000. Health insurance is going up quite a bit. Everything is on Opal Drive. Read through detailed activity forms, don’t have to save it for Senate meetings or they’ll go really long. Send out email tomorrow letting everyone know changes from budgets in classified employees.

Townshend: With Ryan taking Mike’s budget over. Changes to budget or supplemental?

Higgins: Finance board week after spring break. He’s asking for about an additional $20,000. Vet by finance board to entertain idea to see if it’s something they want to consider. I’ll put it on opal drive as well.

Reid: He was trying to print off document. Took 15 minutes to print 4 page document. Why he’s requesting so much. Computers, printers, everything.

Higgins: Part of that will be supplemental.

Reid: Yes.

Higgins: He will come to you and inform you and get support for spending money we saved with Mike giving two free months of work, difference in salary between himself and Mike.

Townshend: That’s the only budget that is fairly dynamic.

Higgins: That’s the only change other than payroll made, hasn’t been made up yet. It will go to finance board first.

McKay: To clarify, they are taking the salary savings and reallocating it. It’s $20,000 more than original budget presented by Mike but is basically same amount of money asked for last year but differently allocated. Consider it separate because we added onto what Mike originally presented.
Stevens: Finance Board talked to Lindsey. We need to figure out what things our programs don’t need for program to run perfectly. Be frame under them to get that to us in timely manner so we’re cutting stuff they are okay with.

Higgins: Pick something they would cut if they had to cut something. Prelim numbers: still $87,000 short. That’s going to be hard, do your homework.

Townshend: How much is the supplemental fund?

Higgins: I put it in as $30,000. Up for changing, talk about senate discretionary. I’ll be here all spring break, too.

Townshend: Senate discretionary, senators have a say in reaching out to constituents. You ultimately decided this. Budgeting 50 bucks per senator. L&S could do a big $200 event in fall or something like that. Isn’t for us to buy food for our meetings in here, sweet engineering nametags. It’s for constituent outreach. Approved by senate leadership before you can use funds, plan saying exactly how use money and why it’s important to organization. It’s one grand but it’s still one grand. Think about it. Questions on this at this point?

Oak: I could have used something like this in the past. To my knowledge, does the president have a discretionary fund? How does this differ?

Townshend: 1% of operating budget is president’s discretionary. Our president can use any way he/she wants as long as it falls within MSU’s purchasing policies. This is different because it’s budgeted. We can change it based on what we want. Presidential discretionary is in constitution. Kiah’s used it to bring plays to campus, to buy us water and coffee for meetings, for general things pertaining to MSU. Does that answer your question? Other difference is there is no obligation to use it on anything in particular.

Townshend: There are three resolutions under unfinished business. I’d recommend not voting this week and waiting until we have more people here and more info gathering. I can answer any questions you have on that. You have been quiet on question end as far as the mandatory fees are concerned. Course fees, emailed some of you about today. Go into more detail on those later. Resolution 10 is a 3.4% increase for IT. Total change of $1.30 each year. Questions on this? Applied to all students, no matter number of credits.

McKay: Would sponsors mind talking to Dewitt Latimer, get updates on funding in past few weeks?

Townshend: He will send me that information. I will have that for you before the next meeting. McKay’s question was based on a concern brought up by Senator Thuringer on where IT gets its funding. All info will be here at next meeting. Resolution 12 addresses the indexing of ASMSU fees. As most of you know, one fee increase passed and the other didn’t. Read results: Increase to SRO fee passed. Increase for intramural fee failed. Related to this because the student organization fee increased and the way this is written right now is it would also index that fee. 2.08% on top of $3.10 increase. It ends up being about $6.35. I personally think that’s a good thing because it’s just the standard indexing and we were hoping the extra $3.10 would go to students and not account for increase in CPI. It’s about 12 cents extra. All other ASMSU fees will be indexed that way as well.

Goldstein: Trying to make sense of it all.

Townshend: Slow me down if not making sense to you. Questions on this right now? Final things: indexing of fees will occur biennially to reflect consumer price index. Automatic indexing every two
years, don’t have to pass resolution like that. Pending BOR stuff, think about that. What do you want that to be like for the future?

Lamm: IT question. I noticed IT fee is really high as is. I want to raise concern around it because I want to make sure it’s not coming out of student’s pockets first if it could be coming out of the university’s or tuition. I’m talking about the 3.4% increase. It’s awesome it’s going to be significantly less.

Vanata: Great concern because this is a higher fee increase. Going down per students because dispersed. I asked Dr. Latimer to get us that study, interesting to see how those fees are used in other regions. Carnegie institutions are all significantly higher. It is important that we keep up to date technologically as a Carnegie institution to keep certification. Love to see this grow. Coming into that position 9 months ago he had to evaluate what we were missing and what we needed. He has had to address immediate students concerns like wifi in the dorms and has been working on collaborating to address those issues. He’s really working on improving quality for our students.

Townshend: Peer group difference in funding. Dr. Latimer told me MSU really doesn’t have a peer group they use all the time. No established norm for this. Who do you usually compare to? We really don’t have that set. Having to do his own thing here figuring out who we’re related to so take that in stride.

Reid: Recognize Tom Kostelnik.

Kostelnik: I’d like to speak on behalf of Senator Rowe. We both went to town hall IT meeting. Talking about what they’re doing now, where they’re going. Really excited. Using money they have. They’re working on so many projects and much of the funding is to finish them, ResNet is upgrading, making major investments. Moving forward with email client testing changes, integrate with single-user, some costs involved. Looking at infrastructure changes that don’t affect you directly but make background processes that much better. Wi-Fi protocol for engineers slows a lot of stuff down. Testing some other stuff to help out faculty, classes. Engineering stuff. If that works, including getting to paperless everything if they can. As much on servers as possible including back-history for 5 years. Will make everything better for us.

Macy: Our peer institutions. Fee is less, how is quality of service?

Vanata: Dr. Latimer would know more specifically. More resources, higher the quality I’d imagine.

Townshend: Is our fee representative of the service being provided? Is extra $100 per person going to make it $100 better per person? That’s the question we need to ask on every fee. Ask him that when we get back. Other questions on it or other ASMSU fees? Resolution 13 is supporting mandatory fee increases which were all presented on last week.

Howard: I talked to Senate VP McKay about non-resident building fee and she explained why they are trying to increase it. I’m not sure what the actual effects would be of raising that fee.

Townshend: We met with Terry, Laura, and Bonnie to talk about that and see what fee will do. Building fee goes toward debt reduction. Also goes to the boiler that went out, $200,000. It’s also for operating costs, etc.

McKay: That was in North Hedges. Not fun.

Townshend: Lots of buildings are state buildings. They are paid for by the state and nonresident students are using the space but aren’t paying state tax dollars that pay for it.
McKay: I will bring list of past things for which that fee was used. Maintenance is coming out of grand pool of tuition. Don’t have money set aside for when a boiler goes out. Don’t have money for projects like Writing Center, not indexed for certain activities. Fee increased, this money is for this purpose and they’re not going to touch it if it’s not for these projects. I think you understand why the ratio is the way it is. You’re asking what it’s used for. Terry will come with a list of past projects that would have been funded by these fees and a better understanding of why his fee needs to be raised. If you’re not understanding what he’s saying, tell him. He’s very knowledgeable, professional, knows his stuff. Dig deep.

Townshend: Certain level of upkeep. They have a rating system which includes things like moderately dingy, etc. If you don’t increase fee, life will go on but may not be able to keep buildings at level we want.

Howard: May be mishearing guy last week. Did he say they paint the outside of the SUB or inside?

McKay: He said the fitness center.

Townshend: Yes, it is cinderblock.

Lamm: Why is health/dental fee so high, going up so much? A lot of their costs is associated with salaries. 3% increase everyone is basing numbers off of, accounts for majority of fee. I just went to a dental appointment and that was $100. Doesn’t cover extras all students have to pay, curious where exactly it’s going. Why can’t be proportional to amount of staff they have with amount of revenue they bring in?

Townshend: I’m not entirely certain because I’m guessing there are a lot of costs I don’t know about. There is also a 10% increase in health insurance for employees.

Lamm: What’s the equipment fee?

Townshend: What EFAC distributes. Tiffany and Ethan know about this. What does this go to?

Schaff: I actually missed the last meeting.

Townshend: You need to look at those notes by tomorrow. Tiffany?

Kostelnik: I looked at it, don’t have it memorized.

Townshend: You two have to do that by tomorrow. The provost was upset that there were no students there.

Jackson: With the medical and dental, we discussed this in Admin. Some students don’t sign up for health care and pay into that, not receiving revenue in form of insurance from them, using forms anyway.

Townshend: Everyone needs insurance. If you opt out, you can still use services.

Stevens: students WHAT?

Townshend: Any other questions on mandatory fees? Thank you, Lauren. Can you go to folder again, open new fees and increases above 2%. Some of you got emails from me today talking about college specific fees. Nursing, University College, Arts & Arch, L&S, Education. Five colleges have fees that are
new or going above 2%. It looks like this. Not a lot of information but these fees are associated with classes or college specific things. Process I foresee on this. Have sit-down with senators in the college, discuss, get info, write a letter supporting or opposing fees. Do in conjunction with me so we have solid reasoning behind these decisions. I just got fees last night. Like to have all of that done by next senate meeting two Thursdays from now. Make it a priority. Didn’t get email? The rest of you will look at fees that aren’t college specific. Doing same thing in that respect. Dole that out as appropriate when I have some more time which will hopefully be soon. Remember this is for two years.

Oak: Personal privilege.

Townshend: Questions on course fees?

Mulick: Got your email, didn’t open file. I’m assuming we go to someone within our college to talk about it, correct?

Townshend: If you feel you need more info, yes. Line items: makes sense, this doesn’t, this does: go with that. Don’t make sense: get in touch with someone who you can tell you more.

Schaff: So we need to understand costs of new classes?

Townshend: Yes, new courses and ones above 2%.

Vanata: Who didn’t receive emails, which are you referring to?

Townshend: ESL courses that are new courses. Need to decide those. Not a whole lot. I haven’t had a chance to process it too much yet.

Vanata: Will you give us as much info before Spring break as possible?

Townshend: Yes. This is all I have received thus far.

Goldstein: Are we looking to write a letter of support for all of them collectively?

Townshend: Write a letter of one per college. If you have problems, say we approve all of these except this one. I’ll send a template out to make that easier. If you have opposition to some fees, please come talk to me before you make decisions on this.

Lamm: Letters, not resolutions?

Townshend: Yes.

- 2013-R-10 Support for Capital IT Income Plan
  - Steve Rowe, Gianna Vanata
- 2013-R-12 Indexing of ASMSU Fees
  - Lukas Smith, Cara Thuringer, Eric Oak
- 2013-R-13 MSU Mandatory Fee Increases
  - Michael Townshend, Erica McKay

New Business

Townshend: I’ll no move on to new business which is fun business.

Tuesday night Charles Best was here. He started DonorsChoose.org which has raised $167 million for teacher/school projects around country. A teacher can submit a project online and people from all over
the world can look through projects and decide which ones they want to donate to. Goes directly to project, not a big fund. Pretty interesting model on philanthropy. Huge round of thanks to everyone at LI. Awesome event. Really cool.

Lamm: Add that the LI got money from him. This has never happened. We give honorarium to large speakers. He gave most if not all of his honorarium back. $22,000. Put into $50 donation cards and gave it back to us that anyone that came to that event could donate which was so powerful. He gave out 400 of those at the event.

Townshend: On that note, gracious at LI gave us 22 of them, $1100. That’s what we’re going to do right now.

Vanata: Can we all sit Indian style in the middle?

Townshend: I don’t think that’s appropriate. These packets have five projects that I chose with senator Lamm’s help for projects in Montana that we can all contribute to. I tried to come up with the best way to do this. Two solutions: this project has seven days left before it expires. Doesn’t get funded, goes away. Need $912 more. First option: we put our money into this and fund it completely. Second option: each person pick project out of 5 they like most, proportion how much everyone wants into each funds.

Consensus: first option.

Mulick: How much money?

Townshend: $1100.

McKay: Can we read through them first?

O’Donoghue: Can you drop your package down over here so we can read it?

Townshend: As Vanata pointed out, it’s not just for Montana but I thought it would be best as a Senate to have our money go there.

Townshend: This one is lower now; $324 left. Vote for one of five projects they would like portion to go to, I will do that after meeting. Donate over $50, get personalized thank you notes from them. Great way to improve relations with community.

Lamm: Folders for All teacher was honored at the event. Think about that when you’re reading that one. Extension if we finish funding that event.

Townshend: She’s in Four Corners. We’re getting updated dollar amounts.

Schaff: If we’re slightly over, can we personally donate some money?

Townshend: Absolutely. There are 15 senators here. Last seven cards we’ll disperse among the five projects.

Vote:

Nexus tablets: 3

Rug & Book Sets: 2

Supplies: 5
Townshend: Donating is supposed to be fun, that’s not fun for me. You’re really confusing me. Business Manager Jackson, who would you like to donate to?

Jackson: Tablets.

Vanata: Your voice doesn’t count, this is Senate’s money. This is supposed to be fun, guys. We’re having fun.

Macy: personal privilege.

Hodun: Tablets.

Townshend: Do I have everyone’s voice in the matter? I have a few more. This one is close, I might fund that all the way, finish that up, disperse the rest as needed. That concludes new business.

- Admin Reports
  - President – Kiah Abbey (Absent - BOR)
    Townshend: On behalf of Abbey: search committee for OAE Secretary and Kathy Tanner wants a name by tomorrow.

  - Vice-President – Lindsay Murdock (Absent – BOR)
    Murdock Report from Townshend: Romney Gym has been topic of a lot of conversation, different from Romney Oval. Area where flag is. Romney gym roll out RFPs after break, talk to constituents about this. Pretty sure a group of students from RSOs will do an RFP to keep the gym. Romney Oval: Have input for vision, come to table in Union market March 8, 18, 19 from 11-1. Expedite and go directly to VP Murdock. Another important project on what happens on a lot of green spaces on campus. Films: Student choice film poll. Direct your constituents there to vote. Exit is doing a juried show.

    Oak: Juried show is a show where blue ribbons are handed out, art is voted on, there is a panel of judges. Hannah, director of School of Art, look at these and make decision on premier ceramic work.

    Townshend: There is some cool stuff in there right now. Today was student Rotunda day. Appreciate all of you that went there. Still have a few senators up there. Lindsey said it was a success, sent it at noon so much hadn’t happened yet. Guessing it was a success. 40% increase on elections over last year. Second lowest in last 8 years. But 40% better than last year. Likely because of fee increases, campaigning, etc. If you have ideas for that, go to Eric Vann. CE and productions doing emancipator right now. Doors opened at 7. All of you should go. I have tickets. Questions for Lindsey?

    Schaff: Do you have a quote?

    Townshend: No. “Not cool, Robert Frost.” I don’t like that kid.

  - Senate President – Michael Townshend
    Mulick at employee recognition meeting, well prepared, great feedback on what you did there. Didn’t quite get an angry letter from Lisa Duffy from EFAC. Encourage student participants. Thank you for doing that tonight and tomorrow. Please continue to go to ad-hoc meetings. It’s the only time they get any
student input on anything. Horribly represented around campus. Lots we don’t see, important that we have our voices heard there. I am 90% sure I had something else to say. Never got a response on tree disaster mitigation meeting. The first meeting will be March 26 from 2-3? It will be in the email. Anyone have no ad-hoc interested?

Howard: I can do that.

Townshend: You’ll be the first choice when they open that up. I will forward that to you. He doesn’t have an ad-hoc yet. That is all unless I think of anything else. 15 minutes we’ll be done with meeting.

○ Business Manager – Lauren Jackson
Jackson: Any questions on budgets, please come see me. Bringing me questions I haven’t thought of yet would be really cool. Stevens stopped in today so please do that. I’d love to see your smiling faces. We got to cut $80,000 let’s do it.

○ Senate Vice President – Erica McKay
McKay: Rotunda Day was somewhat embarrassing. MSU with 8 folks, UM walked in with 35. Next time. We have the Life of Pi author coming for convocation. Read book, watch movie. All got email from lovely business manager Jackson. It included supplemental finance board looked at on Monday. Does anyone know what that was? You have all of spring break to look at it and what it was on.

Townshend: Pow Wow Basketball tournament. That’s what I forgot!

McKay: I’m going to start doing weekly quizzes. The College of Business looking at naming details, will go to BOR in May. MSU is proposing we call it Jabs Hall. Rename College of Business. Rename Jake Jabs College of Business and Entrepreneurship. Talk to liaisons. Time of year is fun really roll up sleeves, get into budgets, tear stuff up, start lobbying. We get to lobby just as much as big senators. “Oh by the way my program is really awesome and this is why you’re not going to cut it.” There’s a lot of money on table and it has to come from somewhere. Do this outside of meetings so the meetings aren’t 7 hours. I love you all. You’re great. Have a great spring break. Come back ready to kick butt. Get at me with any questions you have on budgeting. Travel safely.

Townshend: I forgot two things. As usual. The first: There will be a prize for first person who sends me a mistake in email highlighted that has to do with steak.

Vanata: What if we report two mistakes?


McKay: You were going to talk about bylaws.

Townshend: Who’s not going to school here in the fall? Also Howard and Reid. Congrats to those who are graduating, congrats to study broad and nursing school! Yay. Bylaws: false promises there. Hell of a process, from all meetings we’ve had, incorporating edits, format the same, 40 pages, takes a while, been sort of busy. Wednesday after spring break at 2pm, hash out elections bylaws. Spring fall or hybrid elections? It’s important that you have a clear understanding of the options and communicate with one another. We need a consensus on which way we want to go before we write them. Not all hung up on one part. WEDNESDAY 2PM. Can’t make it, get in touch with someone who will be there. Email a very detailed email of all of your thoughts, questions, we want as many voices there as possible. If you’re not there, can’t complain about it later. There have not been enough people at the table consistently. Ultimately decision comes back there so we aren’t in here for 18 hours doing little amendments. Bylaws
will be ready to present on the 18th of March. First reading then. We won’t read them in here. Read them at home or during office hours. SO SO important that we understand this. Budgeting season. Bylaws have been in process for 2 years, close to finished project. Feel dead in water 3 years ago everyone left. Make sure you understand it. I’d love to have these adopted by end of semester, April 18th.

Lamm: Send it out to us over break?

Townshend: I’ll send what’s currently there with a caveat on elections. Any additions, subtractions, whatever, let me know. Be super critical, critical of formatting, everything. Questions on bylaws? Brandi mentioned opal drive. Can everyone get on it? Who has tried? We need everyone looking at the budgets. Questions on how to get on there, I’ll be in the office for another 20 minutes after the meeting to walk you through the process.

- Senate Reports
  Vanata: Wanted to apologize for my perceived bad attitude, wasn’t my intention. University Athletics Committee met. Quite a bit we talked about. Re-regulation in policies for NCAA going on, voting in opposition because it would not benefit us with a smaller university, smaller budget. Let you know about that. Any financial aid, scholarships students receive, come up and get dismissed, common hour one section courses be moved out of 3-6 block, athletes have practices there. If you have questions I can send those along or direct you accordingly. Gallatin College eligibility. Rebranding: new Cat Head, coming out in April. Pretty cat heads we put on gym floor, whoops. We’re going to be okay. You all have vintage clothing now. Exit interviews for student athletes. Listen to their concerns on academics, athletics program. April 20th: Spring football game in Great Falls, go support Bobcats. LI: See them, give them a high five for the event. Facilitated group discussion which was fantastic. If you want to hear some amazing students speak, tap into that resource. There were some incredible students generating ideas at back of room, plug them into ASMSU, encourage them to be in Senate, attend, sit around, listen, talk to them.

Schaff: Apologize for EFAC meeting ...forgot about it, schedule conflict. Meeting with Lisa tomorrow to double check before meeting.

McKay: After elections and spring break, opening up applications for program director positions. Awesome PD, let them know and have them stay in touch with this. Hard to focus with cool music. Get in touch with Colleen, applications are coming up. These are sought after positions, well paid, great work, as many cool candidates as we can have.

- Senate Announcements
  Stevens: Cat/Griz tomorrow lacrosse 4pm. Pretty physical game, go support MSU.

O’Donoghue: There is a film tonight and tomorrow, Chasing Ice, that the Office of Sustainability is supporting at the Emerson, discussion afterwards. Get people involved. 4:30 and 7 I believe. Check that.

Vanata: My sorority AOII scholarship PR dinner in next two weeks, extend formal invitation to those who want to check it out. Cool people there, won’t disclose VIPs, great food, great event, want a tour and find out what we’re all about let me know, I’ll get you on the list.

Stevens: Free t-shirts for first 30 people that come to the lacrosse game.

Reid: Move to adjourn.
Seconded by O’Donoghue.

- Meeting Adjourned at 7:57pm.