ASMSU Senate Agenda – November 15th, 2012
SUB 235

APPROVED – Nov. 29th

- Call Meeting to Order at 6:00 pm
- Roll Call
  o Excused – Goldstein, Howard
- Review Previous Minutes
  o November 8th, 2012

Motion to approve made by McKay.
Seconded by Mains.

Vote: 18/0/0. Last meeting’s minutes approved.

- Public Comment
- Presentations
  o ASMSU Arts and Exhibits – Hannah Safford

Townshend: Hannah Safford is not yet here so we will move on to unfinished business in the time being.

- Unfinished Business
  o 2012-R-19 Support for Campus Safety Advisory Board
    ▪ Sponsors: Hannah Mains, Cara Thuringer, Simone Scafide

Second reading of 2012-R-19.

Move to approve by Mains.
Seconded by Scafide.

Mains: I move to amend and replace this document with our current, more updated document.

Townshend: I have the updated version here. I will read that to you all and we will put it up on the screen.

Reading of revised edition of 2012-R-19.
Seconded by Scafide.

Townshend: We’re now in discussion on the amendment.

McKay: I move to amend the amendment and strike “every last Wednesday” from line 19 so that it just reads...

French: Is it true that we haven’t passed the amendment so there is no point in amending the amendment?

Townshend: This amendment to the amendment proposed by Mains is valid. So the amendment from Senate Vice President McKay is “whereas the Advisory Board will meet bimonthly during the academic year.” Will there be a second to the amendment?
Seconded by Lamm.

Townshend: We are now in discussion of the amendment by Senate Vice President McKay.

Scafide: The only reason we had it in there is because Dean Caires suggested we put a specific day that would work well with all involved in the Advisory Board.

McKay: I think it’s a good idea to say bimonthly in there because it keeps them on a schedule of meetings. I don’t think it’s a good idea to put them in a box and say this is when you have to meet. It will keep it a little more open for students that will be on the Board and everyone’s schedule will always be changing so I think it is important to leave that specific day of meeting off of the proposal.

Thuringer: Do things of this nature generally specify a date? Have there been specific days stated in resolutions in the past?

McKay: No.

Townshend: We will now vote on the amendment to strike the amended line 19 and replace with “whereas this advisory board will meet bimonthly during the academic year.”

Vote 18/0/0.

Townshend: Amendment passes. Now back into discussion of amendment with the amendment we just passed.

Stevens: Why are we specifying that there has to be a Greek seat?

Mains: We’re trying to get on campus and off campus sources which is why we’ve also included IRHA and a student at large who will hopefully live off campus.

Scafide: Another reason we looked at it is the Greek community is technically on campus housing and we’ve had issues with girls walking home late at night because the streets aren’t very well lit and these houses are further off campus than other “on campus housing.”

French: If we’re going to specify a Greek seat, will we specify that this must be separate from the Senate seat or another seat?

Scafide: I think as long as we have someone who meets that requirement it would work. What is important is that we have someone from each of these separate groups of people representing those students on this Board.

Mains: If one of the Senators sitting on this board is Greek, this will satisfy the Greek seat, so it doesn’t have to be a specific Greek person as long as that population is represented.

French: It seems that’s not an appropriate percentage because the Greek population is quite small on campus and it we have two Senators representing Greek, other populations may be unfairly represented.

Lamm: If you’re going to act as an ASMSU Senator, you’re representing your constituents not the Greek system. So if I was going to fill the ASMSU seat I wouldn’t be acting as a Greek representative but making sure to represent all students.
Thuringer: What we were going for with this is trying to get as much diversity on the board as possible so people are represented, no matter where they live and how they get home.

Vanata: In light of such a large amendment, I think this resolution deserves an extra meeting so Senators can be aware of all of the changes made to this resolution. I motion to table this resolution until the next meeting.

Seconded by French.

Scafide: Can we approve the amendment and table the motion?

Townshend: We would table it as its original form. Tabling does not allow any discussion.

Vote to table: 12/6/0.

Townshend: Resolution 2012-R-19 has been tabled until the next meeting on November 29th. Amendment that was made by Vice President McKay will have to be made again.

- 2012-R-20 Support for the Creation of a Good Neighbor Committee
  - Sponsors: Michael Townshend, Erica McKay

Second reading of 2012-R-20.

Motion to approve by Vanata.

Seconded by Scafide.

Vanata: If any of you weren’t able to attend the joint meeting between the city and ASMSU, they have some great ideas and I’m really excited about the opportunity for ASMSU to have representation on there. This allows for us to have another way to represent our constituents and have them represented outside of campus. I fully support this resolution.

Vote on 18/0/0. Resolution passed.

- New Business
- Admin Reports

Townshend: President Abbey, Vice President Murdock, and Senator Goldstein are all in Missoula for the Board of Regents Meeting.

- President – Kiah Abbey
- Vice-President – Lindsay Murdock
- Business Manager – Lauren Jackson

The supplemental fund is at the same number it’s been all year. We have $504,984.09 in the Reserve Fund. You currently have a supplemental request in your email. Read that, be well versed, and have an opinion. We’ll discuss that after break.

- Senate President – Michael Townshend

At 5:00 today, we started the bylaws meeting. We were discussing article 2, the officers section. We had some good discussion. I will send out a brief synopsis of what we discussed. We will be discussing articles 3 and 4 after Thanksgiving. Please make comments. It would be really great for us to have feedback. That’s the only way we’re going to get through this process. So please do that. I have business cards for you. Allie and Isaac cruised on this and got us the business cards. Please take one pile. There
are 20 in each of them. Use them at your discretion and if you see Isaac or Allie, please thank them for doing that.

Kiah and Lindsey asked me to tell you they'll be sending out a survey to the Senators and Program Directors. It will be an anonymous performance evaluation. They want you to have that filled out by November 30th, so please do that. Also, Kiah asked me to mention that on Nov 28th from 2-5 in the Animal Bioscience Building they will hear the proposals for Academic Affairs funding. It would be really cool to have people voice their opinions and say where they think the money should go. Talk to Kiah about that if you have more questions. As I mentioned last week, the retirement party for Mike Cavaness who is retiring in December will be in the Leigh Lounge from 3-5 on December 6th. He has done a lot for ASMSU and the Outdoor Rec. Center so please stop by. Instead of a Senate Meeting on December 6th, we will be having a holiday party from 6pm on. It will be potluck style at the Lindley Center up by the hospital. We were going to have it at the Story Mansion along with Mike’s retirement party but we decided to split those up. I have one final thing. The social contract that we discussed a lot last meeting is going to be put on hold until spring. We will move forward with it then. The 29th is our last Senate meeting of the semester. There will be a lot of good presentations there so please be there and be focused. As a reminder, please go to office hours through dead week. Finals week you’re not required to have office hours, but please make sure you show up and stay present for the last two weeks of classes. Thank you.

Senate Vice President – Erica McKay

McKay: I’ve been asked by a few people in Finance Board is an open meeting and it is true. All of our meetings in ASMSU are open with few exceptions.

Townshend: We can move into an Executive Session if it is on a personnel matter and we explain the rationale behind moving into executive session.

McKay: Those are the only ways you have any meeting that is closed. So anyone who wants to be in on any meeting can. I know that with Finance Board and Funding Board, the way I have handled that is by creating agendas for each meeting. On those agendas you can include a public comment section or not. That is a way that to minimize students coming in and saying what they think we should do and potentially inserting an uneducated opinion. Please let officials know that they can yield their time to whoever they like. All of our meetings are open but using the agenda is a way to control outside comments if you have concerns. Finance Board is going super well. We got really lucky with the Board this year. We’re having some really good discussions. We’ve been working on a policy to work under while the Bylaws are being worked on. We’ll have a policy coming around and see what happens there. We will bring that to you on the 29th and it will be voted on as whether or not we can adopt that as a body. This is not a Q&A session for this document. I will send it out to you and you need to read it. You need to come to a board member to myself before our meeting. We will be discussing the principles behind that document and maybe some procedures but you need to read it before you come. I know that was blunt but we have to stay on track. Read that and ask any questions you have. You have three people sitting in here that would be happy to answer questions you may have. We have a pretty controversial request coming to you at the next meeting so make sure you read Lauren’s email. We had some really great discussion in Finance Board and came to what I feel was a really great conclusion and I hope this body has a solid discussion in our next meeting as well. Kiah sent out survey results on student registered organizations. Read through that because it’s important that we are informed, especially when there is talk of raising the student organization fee. We need to continue to know what students are thinking and not just our body because there can be a disconnect between those two groups at
times. If you have friends in clubs, talk to them about it. I'd like to request that we have that campus safety amendment sent out to everyone before the next meeting. Eat lots of turkey. Be safe, travel safe, enjoy your break. Keep up your great work, you guys are doing a really great job.

Townshend: I apologize for Hannah Safford not being here. Bids have been coming in for renovations of the Exit Gallery and she was going to talk about that so we will have to reschedule that.

- Senate Reports
Lamm: I attended the enforcement committee for the smoking ban and I’m not sure what this body thinks about how we should enforce it so please let me know and give me feedback so I know what to bring to those meetings. In regards to the student survey, don’t talk to professors this semester. We will do this the first two weeks of the spring semester and I will send you more information over the break. Thank you for your feedback with this, it has been very constructive and helpful.

Oak: I am pleased to announce that the music building now has extended hours. I can now begin to put my attention to places on the architecture campus. If you have friends who want things changed, have them talk to Senator Thuringer or me.

Scafide: Myself and Charles met with the Daycare and Brandi. There will be a lot of changes going on with their payment policy. If you have any questions about that, please contact myself or Charles.

French: I’ve had the opportunity to be on Romney Renaissance Committee and there are a lot of interesting conversations going on about how we should use the space. I know I can say what I think should happen but I feel like it’s our responsibility to represent students and what they would like. I am trying to get them to come to our next meeting and please let me know if you have any opinions about how you would like to see that space used. It’s usually me or Lindsey stating our opinions and we would love more input. Thank you.

Thuringer: I met with officer Putzke earlier this week and we had an extended chat about parking, safety, and the possibility of hiring more officers. If that’s something that interests you and you’d like to know more, let me know.

Jackson: I wanted to ask when the meetings are and how they’re letting students know about them. I’ve had a number of students ask and we didn’t have anything posted and didn’t know what to tell them.

Townshend: I believe sent something out which was ambiguous. It was saying that it’s not like a charette but an interview session and it was at 8am yesterday. I apologize for that.

French: We can talk afterward.

Vanata: If you saw that Mr. Townshend sent out the survey about how they fund their clubs, their needs, etc. it’s a really interesting survey and you should check it out. Please make yourselves informed and look at survey because it’s a hot topic right now.

McKay: Kiah sent that out.

Townshend: If anyone else has anything that you’ve been working on these past few months please share now.... I will assume that was none of you have been doing anything. I’m kidding. Sorry. That was inappropriate.
- Senate Announcements

Mains: First: the meeting tomorrow for the scavenger hunt will be from 11 to noon. Two: We’re trying to set up a time for you to come ask us questions about the Safety Advisory Board Resolution. I’ll send it out the revised draft tonight. After you read it, talk to us about it, if you have any questions. We really want to move this forward. Feel free to talk to myself, Senator Scafide, or Senator Thuringer.

Scafide: We can make friendly amendments, correct? If you do have changes or things you want to see, tell us prior to our next meeting so the process can go more smoothly and quickly.

Townshend: Anyone that is on a list serve can send to that list serve. You can do that with Senate so you don’t have to route it through me if you’d like to send something to the rest of Senate.

Mains: How does one do that?
Townshend: You type in the address, Senate List serve. Please respect that and don’t abuse it. In the future, as sponsors, when it’s open on the floor you can’t make friendly amendments. In the past we have done that where the sponsors can make friendly amendments but that will no longer happen.

Move to adjourn made by Scafide.

Seconded by Thuringer.

Meeting adjourned at 6:37pm.