Call Meeting to Order at 6:01 pm
Roll Call
  - Senators Lamm, McKay, Schaff, and Stiles excused
Review Previous Minutes
  - November 1st
    - Move to approve by Goldstein
    - Seconded by Scafide
Public Comment
Presentations
  - Provost Potvin

Potvin: I try to meet with you once a semester to tell you what I am up to as well as to offer you the opportunity to ask questions. The first thing I want to touch on is growing enrollment at the university. I have been working hard with the Associate Dean to make sure we have sufficient classes for students when they start here at MSU. This means that we have been adding more faculty, both tenure track and adjunct so we can offer enough sections for our students. This fall we shortened the amount of class time on Tuesdays and Thursdays by 5 minutes. We’re also in the process of creating a TEAL classroom, which stands for Technology Enhanced Active Learning. They have round tables with computers and offer an environment where students are not simply in lecture but rather have the opportunity to have active learning experiences. The walls are whiteboards or glassboards and the instructor will have the ability to see what students are doing at individual stations and computers. The instructor will also be able to project one of the stations to the class. This will allow for more peer to peer learning and more active learning with less lecturing. There is one in Gaines that is scheduled to be complete by December. Lots of faculty have been anxious to try this new technology. Studies have shown that these classrooms lead to an increase in student success and reduces Ds, Fs, and Ws by half. We are very excited to begin using this classroom in the spring. Another initiative we are very proud of is DegreeWorks. It is a program that interfaces with other computer systems and all degree requirements have been entered into the program. It is open to faculty use at this point and we are currently working out the bugs. What it will do is show you your program of study, what you have completed, what you have left to do, and what it would look like if you change your major. It will help students do their own planning and help faculty to do advising. This will enable faculty to spend more time looking at career goals and internship opportunities in advising rather than focusing on what classes to take. It will be available on all MSU campuses and it is a very powerful tool. We have already tried in on 700 students and we’re excited to offer this to MSU students very soon. Another things we have been talking about is how to reduce the time it takes students to complete their degrees here at MSU. We have talked about using summer, breaks, and the times before each semester begins to complete classes and therefore complete degrees more quickly. Board of Regents has asked us if we have programs so that students can graduate in three years. This may be a good option for some students. So how do we provide opportunities for students to complete their degree in four years or earlier? We’re looking at ways to do this. One thing we’ve been researching is advances in artificial intelligence. Programs exist around the country where you can take tests to see certain areas where a student struggles in math, for example. Then the students can focus on those specific skills and catch up where necessary. This could allow students to possibly complete a
course in five weeks and provide the opportunity to complete two in one semester. It is also to help students work on some weak points so they can take a specific class in the fall or spring. We are using technology to look at student learning to see how we can help them be successful. Another thing we have been working on that you probably don’t hear much about is how we assess student learning. We have been looking at the system we have in place and making some adjustments to put more consideration on how we assess student learning than on how we assess faculty teaching. Faculty are supposed to articulate and publicize learning outcomes and we want to look at whether or not students have achieved these outcomes at the end of the semester. We want to see if students are truly learning and adjust accordingly. We need to be doing this type of work to maintain our regional accreditation as an institution so we are putting a lot of emphasis on this in the short term. By January 5th we will have replaced 5 deans in the past year. This is very exciting for this university. We are bringing in lots of new ideas to this campus. Now that this institution has completed its strategic plan we are working on a new academic plan. We plan to have a draft of that in early December. We’ll be sharing it with you at ASMSU and also asking for input from students, faculty, and staff. Now I’d like to provide an opportunity for you to ask some questions.

Oak: Thank you for being here. What classes will be taught in the TEAL classrooms?

Potvin: Tuesday/Thursday math classes have asked, sciences have asked. We’ve had a lot of requests. I’d say it’s a pretty good mix of classes.

Oak: Is it limited to any majors?

Potvin: No. It will not be limited to anyone. It is a pedagogical tool we hope lots of faculty will explore. They have a whole building of these types of classrooms at the University of Minnesota. We are open faculty using these classrooms and to exploring this new tool.

Oak: How many students can these classrooms seat?

Potvin: Ours will seat about 40-45. I’ve seem them hold as many as 120 students.

Goldstein: Thank you for coming tonight. I have a question regarding DegreeWorks. When is it going to be available to students and how will future students know how to access that tool?

Potvin: The plan is to have it open to students for the next registration cycle. We’ll get word out there to students and publicize it. You as students will probably figure it out more easily than the faculty.

Vanata: Thank you for being here. Do you anticipate a decrease in advising with professors?

Potvin: No. I hope that doesn’t happen. I think students will spend less time on logistics and more time spent on actually advising for degree plans as well as other experiences that will complement your degree. We look at faculty advising and approved a Center for Faculty Excellence. We hope to provide ongoing skill development for faculty so they can continue to assist students with their future plans.

Rowe: Thanks for being here with us. I know Dean Lutz talked about an increase in peer advising. What kind of infrastructure is being created?

Potvin: I haven’t heard that. It is definitely on our list of things that can be done. More and more colleges seem to be creating deans for student success and similar things. It would include advising, I assume. It is more important later on in students college careers that they work with faculty, however, to think about their future and work on value added experiences like internships.
French: A cross section of the campus is looking to encourage excellence in faculty. I believe there is a teaching committee of some sort. Is this accurate?

Potvin: Yes. There is a Teaching and Learning Committee. Their focus has been on teaching and they have provided occasional workshops for faculty. I elevated that model to the Center for Faculty Development. Part of the Advisory Body was that committee. When we created the Center, we expanded the scope to beyond teaching. The Committee still exists but part of their role has been assumed by the larger Center for Faculty Development.

Parking Presentation – Bob Lashaway, Robert Putzke

Chief Robert Putzke: The discussion will be the most important part of this presentation so I’m going to go through this quickly. We want to discuss some different parking improvements that may potentially be on the horizon. Parking Services is soliciting input regarding a range of potential improvements and we do not endorse a particular improvement. Currently, our system is egalitarian. Parking is not based on a student’s class or status but rather whether the student is a resident or a commuter. We get dozens of complaints per week because we have overflow. People have been suggesting that we offer more parking closer to the center of campus. There are many potential solutions to this problem. One is that we disadvantage one group to benefit another. Parking Services must be self-sustaining by statute and the permit fees do cover the cost of the program so no state or tuition dollars go to Parking Services. We do currently have adequate capacity. We see an average of about 260 empty spaces in peak demand. On high use days, there are about 40-60 spaces available on campus, but that is spread out over 5700 spaces so it is effectively full because these empty spots are so hard to find. We have 18-22 of these high use days spread out over 150 academic days. Currently we have our parking set up outside of the pedestrian campus core and the lots closest to campus fill up by 9:30. The furthest walk from a parking spot to campus is about 10 minutes. This fall we opened up 400 spots over by Kagy. This spring we will open up another 180 spaces at Lincoln & 19th. We are looking to increase efficiency. Some places are both E and SB and the ratio of spots for commuters is lower than the ratio for students on campus. We are slowly trying to dedicate more spaces to SB. The high rise side of SC has a few more spaces than permits that we sold. We are looking at paving the South Fieldhouse Lot and the rest of the gravel lot and reserving some for SB and some for F. There is also a possibility of a Campus Shuttle or Park and Ride of some sort. We could also create a new parking structure close to the campus pedestrian core. It would only add about 300 new spaces at a fairly significant cost per space. In the long run, there will likely be multiple parking structures. We have taken two surveys. One was very informal and said that 75% of people are in favor of the structure. Another survey on campus showed us that almost 70% of students said they would pay $25 more to support the structure. A structure would cost about $18,000 per space. The basic cost is $8.1 million for 150 spaces. We’re looking at a 20-30 year loan at 4% interest that would result in a debt of $450,000-$600,000 per year. To pay for this structure, there would be a modest increase for all permits if the University puts in a down payment and if we create garage-specific permits. We are looking at input on all of these things. We talked to the President and President’s Executive Council. We are hoping to hold a public forum sometime between Thanksgiving Break and finals. We will set aside at least an hour or so to allow anyone concerned or interested to examine ideas and options in more detail. We are visiting a lot of groups on campus to get input. PTAC will recommend to UFPB whether or not to pursue a garage. If we do decide to create a structure, it would be complete by August 2016. Feel free to email us at ptac@montana.edu, rputzke@montana.edu, or kurt.blunck@montana.edu.

Abeh: Thank you for being here. You mentioned comparisons to other institutions as far as a new system or a different structure of who gets priority. Is that being considered or was that a side note?
Putzke: That is something that often comes up depending on the group.Personally I like the egalitarian system we have now but many universities do not use a system like ours.

Scafide: Is there currently a limit or would you consider a formula to limit the number of SB passes you sell to encourage people to buy F passes?

Putzke: We have always wanted an affordable option for students. There is a group of people that want to take advantage of the price break and a lot of people that don’t. Currently we are not running out of spots overall so the question comes down not to limiting the group but to providing parking in the right locations.

Scafide: If you limit SB spots, you won’t have people complaining that they cannot find a spot for which they paid.

Putzke: Part of what is difficult to consider is the university use of parking. We’ve never run out of spots for any of those groups but that certainly is an option.

Thuringer: Do you have any idea of the cost of upkeep on a parking garage as opposed to a normal lot?

Putzke: They cost very little in maintenance early in the life cycle. It is about $18,000 per year. There is also no snow on any level except for the top so that helps. In the long term, maintenance can get quite pricey, especially toward the end of the life cycle. We would have to scrape off the top layer of pavement and replace it halfway through the life cycle which is about 35-45 years. We will maintain quality annual maintenance and our lots are scheduled to be sealed every five years which helps keep the long term maintenance cost down.

Thuringer: When would fee increases start? Would it be before the structure is complete or after?

Putzke: I’d envision we’ suggest we increase the price over three years. It would be about a $25 increase in passes and we would ramp it up $8 per year over three years. that would enable us to start putting money in there for the garage. We could do it the other way where we don’t have any increase until the garage opens.

Mains: Thanks for being here. My comment is about safety. I suggest that safety plans be made before the forums start. Have you had thoughts about that thus far?

Putzke: Thank you for thinking about that first. It is something that is at the top of my mind as well. This is one of the safest places you can be but that doesn’t mean you shouldn’t worry about safety. We’ll have policy officers and safety consultants to help us make a structure that is safe and also to help us make it feel safe. We will look into emergency phones, cameras, etc. we do need to think about that but I am not worried about the safety of the structure.

Oak: Thank you for being here. I have two comments. I believe a safety policy would be key. We need to keep our students and their property safe. I have heard concerns from students that parking passes are oversold on campus. Is there truth to this?

Putzke: Absolutely. We have a huge number of people enrolled and employed here at the University and only some of them are here at any given. Everyone is not here every day and at all hours of every day. Of our population of roughly 16,000, less than half buy a parking permit. We have 7200 full time parking permits on campus. When you look at the use charts we can get in depth and see how it is spread out. We have peak times and off peak times and it doesn’t matter how many we’ve sold. The bottom line is
we never run out of those spaces. The issue is that people can’t always park exactly where they want to. We’d all like to park right by the center of campus but that’s not always the way it works.

   o  ASMSU Campus Entertainment – Gabe Francisco

Townshend: Gabe is tabling for the concert tomorrow so Julia is here.

Swanson: We have a few things up and coming. On November 30th we will be having another Leigh Lounge show. It will be the last for Campus Entertainment for the semester. the rest of the team is leaving for the NACA conference in Portland. They already have some dates set up and will be looking for acts to bring to campus in the coming semester. The exciting event we have coming up is Cure for the Common which will be here on campus tomorrow night. We will have more tables tomorrow as well as posters and banners all over the place. I’m here to ask for your help. Go beyond your normal role. There is a Facebook event created. If you could share that event on your personal pages we’d really appreciate it. we need some help talking up the event. We also need a starter crowd. We need people who are willing to be there first and make it look exciting. Bring your friends. We need a few volunteers as well who are available to help out at 6:30 and through the first few hours of the show. If you can help that would be awesome!

Mains: For next semester, do you have any surveys or polling of students where you would see what they want?

Swanson: I believe it will depend on how successful the students are at NACA. We’d like to do a survey but we are not quite sure how to do that.

   o  ASMSU Public Relations – Isaac Hunter

Hunter: I’m here to give you an update. Noah just finished the pictures for the Play Hard, Work Harder Campaign. There are a few that we may want to do a reshoot with but Allie and I will look at those and decide if that is necessary. We will have those posters up by finals week or by the first week of spring and we are still discussing where to put those. We’ve been working on business cards and we have three proofs ready. I’ll send this around and would love it if you would mark a tally of the one you like. I can order those by tomorrow and they will be here next week. Allie designed those, too. I will also be attending the NACA Conference. It is the National Association for Campus Activities conference and we have never been. There will be educational programs during the day and we will split up and do a talent search at night. There will be comedians, magicians, concerts, and more. We hope to check out as many acts as possible and figure out what our students would like the most. We are leaving next Thursday for Portland and we’re very excited. In other news, Bobcat Buzz is now being emailed out. If you have any feedback for that please let us know.

Mulick: Having the Bobcat Buzz in bathrooms in the SUB is a very good idea. Are there any other bathrooms where care putting them up?

Hunter: We just purchased more to spread around the SUB. The goal for this coming spring semester is to spread them out more. We would need to do more research in order to decide whether or not it is a good idea to spread out beyond what we currently have planned.

Mains: I just want to clarify that the business cards will be set up so we would write in our own information.
Hunter: Yes. Thank you. If you did your names separately it would be very costly and this is a more personalized option as well.

Vanata: While you’re approaching NACA, I want to look at something strategic. You have had many events with low attendance. How are you going to approach that?

Hunter: We want to bring back everything we learn at this conference and put it into action. We will definitely share what we learn with this body so we can make our money worth it because we are using student funds for this trip.

Vanata: Have you formulated a plan to examine previous events and why they may or may not have been successful?

Hunter: No, we just met last week. That is an excellent idea.

Mains: Do you have to go to this conference and schedule events or can you schedule them when you get back and ask for input?

Hunter: That is a good question for Campus Entertainment. From my understanding, we have agencies we have worked with in the past. I believe that we are trying to find talents that work with those agencies and work through the agencies because it is easier and more cost effective.

Scafide: I would like to recognize Dean of Students Matt Caires.

Caires: NACA is a three day conference and the students will likely decide what they love and book events. If Montana schools are well represented it makes it easier to book these. Like Julia said, she and Gabe already have dates set out that they are hoping to fill with acts.

Vanata: You will be attending, as well as representatives from Campus Entertainment and the ASMSU Spirit Director. Is there an intention behind that many people going to this conference?

Hunter: There will be one student (myself) from Public Relations, Laura, and three from Campus Entertainment. It is a meeting of lots of universities coming together and gives all of us the opportunity to bounce ideas off of one another. We can ask other schools what sorts of things like Bobcat Buzz that they do and how they have been able to make that successful.

Murdock: It’s a regional conference and it is less expensive to send more people to this conference than to the national one.

Hunter: We can also scout more talent. There will be tons of events every night. Having more people will enable us to split up and come back together with more ideas and exposure to talent to potentially bring to campus.

- Unfinished Business
  - 2012-R-18 Support for Board of Regents Legislative Initiatives
    - Sponsors: Michael Townshend, Erica McKay

Second reading of 2012-R-18.

Scafide: Move to approve.

Seconded by Rowe.
Townshend: Move to discussion.

Goldstein: Can you clarify WWAMI

Scafide: Montana doesn’t have a medical school so it offers Montana residents the opportunity to go to the University of Washington School of Medicine while paying in state tuition.

Townshend: This resolution is supporting that we create more spots for students in that program.

Abbey: Both WWAMI and the veterinary education programs are going to be important things for MSU in the legislative discussion. Part of passing this resolution is saying we know what is going on and that we understand these things for MSU.

Move into a vote.

13/0/0. 3 abstentions. Resolution passes.

New Business

Townshend: We will begin with the funding requests and move to resolutions later because people have to leave early.

1. 2013-Funding-3 Printer
   - Program: Administration
   - Reserve request.

French: You all interact with printer on a regular basis. It’s old and worn out. Currently we have it purchased but the toner and such is being supplied by a local distributor. So, do we buy one from current distributor or someone local? He had his guys check it, and we are getting the best deal we can. Finance Board is in complete support. Move to approve.

Seconded by Scafide.

Oak: Would you happen to know the life expectancy of the printer?

French: It will last about 5 years, 7 at most. We should budget for it because it’s going to have to happen at some point.

Thuringer: What are we doing with the old printer?

French: In my understanding, it goes to waste along with all other campus computers because it is beyond repair.

Vote 16/0/0. Funding Request passes.

2. 2013-Funding-4 Productions Truck Parking
   - Program: Productions

French: Right now they have to use a UHAUL to store all of their stuff. They used to have a monopoly house but that got destroyed. Anyone has to have a permit to park it on campus so they want $165 to give it RV parking. It would be locked up and it would have video surveillance at the police so we would get security out of it as well.

Motion to approve by Goldstein

Seconded by Scafide.
Lake: Is there a plan in the future to move that to a solid location where it’s not being stored in a truck?

French: In my understanding, it is stuff that is not being used on a regular basis. We are trying to get rid of stuff. There’s lots of broken equipment and he’s trying to figure out what is usable and what can be sold but he’s in the process of doing that.

Vote 15/0/0. 1 abstention. Funding Request passes.

Scafide: Can we move to suspend roll call voting for the rest of the meeting?

Seconded by French.

Lake: Is there a reason we are doing that?

Townshend: One, it is easier for us to count and two, it gives you as a Senate more accountability. These are public votes.

Rowe: Would it be solely for this meeting?

Lake: I feel that those are good reasons and we should keep it the way it is.

Vanata: I’ll echo Lana.

Smith: If it’s a time matter, we’ll spend just as much time counting votes as doing personal yea or nays.

Abeh: Previous question.

Previous question is denied.

Rowe: Can we please stop wasting time?

Townshend: That is not relevant to this conversation.

Move to immediate vote by placard. If you are in favor, signify by raising your placard.

Vote 6/9/0. One abstention. Motion fails.

- 2013-Funding-5 KGLT Floors
  - Program: KGLT
  - Finance board voted against this unanimously.

French: What we thought was going on was that currently there are two rooms they want to recarpet. However, she just did one. She wanted to do the other room and it’s in dire need. We turned it down because she thought she may have the money in her budget. They’re a dollar committee anyway. We can give it to her later if she doesn’t have the money.

Townshend: To overrule finance board, we need 2/3 vote of ALL of senate, including those not present today. To vote against it, we only need a majority.

Stevens: Move to deny.

Seconded by French.

Move into discussion on denying the resolution.

Townshend: To clarify, in voting yea you are denying this request.
Horn: Could we just put it on the reserve so we don’t have to rehash it if she does end up needing it?

French: We talked about tabling it but we figured we might as well let it go through and if she needs it she can resubmit it.

Scafide: They are a dollar committee so if she finds it in her budget it’s not coming out of student fees.

Townshend: KGLT is not a dollar program. there is no radio fee. Even if it were, it would still be an ASMSU fee. You’re right in that they don’t get all of their funding from us.

Vote 15/1/0. Funding Request was denied.

- 2013-Funding-6 Lockers
  - Program: Administration

French: In the past there have been club lockers available in the SUB. Recently they were sold by the SUB to the Fitness Center for use. Clubs didn’t have any space so Butch, the SUB administrator, bought more lockers. There was some understanding that we would pay for half of that. They are currently upstairs in the SUB by the Exponent or KGLT.

Scafide moved to approve.

Seconded by Thuringer.

French: We felt like we had our backs to the wall because normally we approve a funding request and then the money gets spent. We probably would have funded them regardless but we felt there was some strong-arming.

Scafide: I support this fully. A lot of clubs need those spaces to function. The way the lockers were removed was very unfair. Many of the clubs got less than 24 hours notice that they were losing that space.

Lake: I think I’d be in support of this but I feel it’s not sending a good message if we stand behind it now if we weren’t for it in the beginning.

Reid: I don’t want people to think we were strong-armed into this. We need the lockers. We shouldn’t be discouraged by the fact that we already bought them. If we back out now we’re sending a message but it’s more important that the lockers get paid for. Supporting the lockers is more important than sending a message.

Vanata: I want to invite President Abbey to talk.

Abbey: I don’t think I’ve ever strong-armed anyone in my life! I want you to know this is not what happened. This summer we were talking and came to the conclusion that ASMSU could probably cover half knowing that if it didn’t pass through the supplemental before we bought them, I could find another way to pay for this. He ordered them before I was able to get a supplemental in. This was a miscommunication. Regarding Lake’s comment, this isn’t going to happen again. If it hadn’t gotten past, I would’ve found other funds. We wanted to purchase these lockers to show other students who are involved that we support them and support other student leaders on campus. I apologize for the miscommunication. We are trying to support other student clubs.

Stevens: To talk to Kiah’s point, this was a mishap but if we don’t pass it, it will come out of her discretionary fund. It will only detract from the intent of that Kiah’s administration and will only hinder
ASMSU’s goal if we deny this request and essentially tell Kiah she screwed up. I strongly support the passage of this request.

Thuringer: We should support this whether we like it or not and we’re committed to it. I don’t want that to become a message. Let’s try not to retroactively support things in the future. But clubs have been losing things because they don’t have a place to store them and we need to support our clubs.

Scafide: I agree. While there was some poor communication, I feel it would be spiteful for us to turn it down because of that. Our fees go to supporting students and supporting other student leaders that want to be involved on campus. Please don’t turn this down because of way it went through the system.

Vote: 14/1/1. No changes.

- 2013-Funding-7 Gym Renovations
  - Program: Rec Sports and Fitness

Townshend: This was passed by Finance Board. 7 yeas, 0 nos.

French: There was a leak in the roof. It is al being fixed. The floors were damaged and insurance is paying to fix them. Abbey thought it would be a good idea to put more Bobcat pride into them while we are redoing them. We can do it now or do it never. It will last 30 years and it’s a good idea anyway so why not paint them now while we can. Move to approve.

Seconded Scafide.

Lake: Are there other avenues of funding? For example, the Alumni Foundation?

Howard: We are paying for half and Facilities is paying for the other half. The floor is being redone and it’s the one shot we have to put some serious Bobcat pride into our gym. She could have done it on her own but we feel like it’s a good idea to help her out because we’re all Bobcats.

Lake: I’d like to recognize President Abbey.

Abbey: That’s a good idea to go to SAA. We did this because of intramural programs. Most of them happen in the gym and the gyms are awful right now.

Mains: If we were to turn this down, could we see if the Alumni Foundation would pitch in and go through this process again? We could still take part but it would cost us less money.

Howard: Yes, but we’re dealing with people who have schedules. The sooner we get this done, the better, and it might not get done over Christmas break if we go through SAA.

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

Murdock: It would make this body look unreliable if we don’t get this passed at this point.

Vanata: You mentioned we pay half. Is she capable or willing to pay all of this? We’re doing this for the purpose of our name being attached to this?

Howard: The main thing is, as Abbey pointed out, that we have intramurals in that gym. We throw Melanie under the bus if we bail now. This is the only time we’ll have time to do it. If we bail now, she loses the money and it won’t happen if we don’t approve this.
Murdock: Just some history on this. It was our idea to have some logo on the floor. It was ASMSU’s idea when we found out they were being renovated. It would be good for us to show them we appreciate them and we want them to continue to be involved. We suggested this. We want more spirit. If we decide not to fund this, she could always choose not to put this on the gym floor because it wasn’t her idea or intention in the first place.

Horn: I understood that it was the ceiling that leaked. Where do the doors come in? Why do we need doors in the gym?

Townshend: It is for painting the doors.

French: It will be 4500 to paint the logo as well as two stripes at 540 sq. feet apiece.

Rowe: Is there going to be an ASMSU logo printed?

Howard: No. There will be a little tag somewhere in each gym saying this painting was done by ASMSU. It won’t be a big deal.

Scarfide: I don’t think purpose is to get ASMSU’s name out there. This is something other students will see and it is something that will improve our campus and school spirit. It should be something we want to do as a student body for our constituents.

Lake: It’s a limited number of students for that amount of money. Additionally, if there is time to wait to solicit more funds I don’t see why there’s a huge rush to get that down. They are functional.

Thuringer: When are the gym floors set to be refurnished?

Stevens: Over break.

Thuringer: Whether or not we think there’s a problem with the gyms, I hate that we bring visitors in and our gyms aren’t our school colors. I noticed it when I was taking a tour. I see no reason why we shouldn’t support this if we can’t do this for another 30 years and it will last that long. It’s a good investment.

Stevens: You can expense the 6500 over the 30 years and it’s quite a small number. It’s a small cost to instill school pride.

Howard: I’d like to echo Thuringer. That Fitness Center is super cool and is awesome to show to prospective students to show off our university and the gym floors are disgusting. As Stevens pointed out, it’s being done over Christmas break. We have one shot at ever getting a logo placed on there. The reason it’s expensive is the doors are galvanized metal which makes it difficult to paint them well.

Mains: Also, it’s not just freshman go through there. My sorority has an event with community members there. There is no such thing as too much pride in your school.

Reid: I’d like to echo Thuringer as well. This is the only chance we have to do this because the floors will be sealed. If they look mediocre now, think about what they will look like in 25 years. Let’s renovate now as opposed to later.

French: The floors are being redone. The question is whether or not our logo will be on them. It is going to happen no matter what.
Goldstein: Previous question.

Seconded by Thuringer.

Vote 16/0/0

Townshend: We will move into roll call vote.

Vote 15/1/0. Approved.

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

First reading of 2012-R-19.

Townshend: This will be voted on next week.

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

First reading of 2012-R-20.

Townshend: This will be voted on next week as well.

- ASMSU Senate Social Contract

Townshend: I apologize. I did not bring my draft and didn’t send it out because we had been working on it up until this meeting. I would like to entertain a motion to dissolve the social contract committee and discuss informally for 10 minutes.

Thuringer: Can we put it up since the changes we made were minor?

Move to dissolve committee by French, but 5 minutes of discussion proposed rather than 10.

Seconded Vanata.

Vote 15/0/0 Committee dissolved.

Townshend: A copy of this contract will be sent out to all of you. I hope we can come up with something we can all agree to. I hope to extend this contract to the student program directors as well. I want you to see it not as legislation but as something we all as Senators agree to hold each other accountable to, as well as student directors. It’s important to an organization to have a social contract and it’s something to look back to if necessary. It doesn’t result in repercussions directly from Senate or me or President Abbey but allows us to have a peer accountability system. I will still moderate discussion but it will be a little less formal.

Thuringer: I’d like to address social media and what you’d feasibly be expected to post or not post. The current language states that we should not post anything that attacks a Senator, staff, or faculty based on beliefs or motives or character. If you have issues with someone, say something to that person.

Scafide: I wasn’t here last week. I apologize. I understand that a lot of people feel we need to have this but I disagree with this. We’re elected by student representatives. They’re electing us to be who we are.
I don’t like the idea of us having to censor ourselves on our own social media. I want to be able to call someone out if they’re being stupid.

French: I agree.

Goldstein: I agree to a large extent. This document is supposed to be about holding yourself accountable to something. No one can police this, rather it gives us a recourse. This isn’t a set of rules to keep us all in proper conduct of someone in your position. Everyone is entitled to free speech. It’s not like we’re policing your life. That is the misconception.

Abbey: The reason why this came up because one of our Senators posted a very negative comment about homosexuals. It’s not about policing. It’s about saying things that are derogatory that your students represent. While you’re serving in a public office, anything that will be exclusive to your constituents is detrimental to your organization. Whether you like someone or not, being exclusive while you’re representing a diverse body of constituents reflects poorly on this organization.

Mains: I disagree. If you’re a Senator, you should know you are always representing them and it should be known. I see why you’d want it on paper but it seems like common sense.

French: This entire deal is over someone being inconsiderate or rash or whatever. This is the type of thing why we have the bylaws we have currently. If someone is being inconsiderate, I’d hope we’d all be adults, say knock it off, and move on with life. We should be who we are. Hopefully we can recognize each other and say things. I think this is overreacting and I don’t think this should be approached this way.

Mains: Motion to extend the conversation by 5 more minutes.

Seconded by Thuringer.

Time extended.

Reid: The reality is, things happen and they have happened. This is not binding you to act in a certain way. It is to hold us accountable and to make the association look good. This is not a binding document, just a framework for how we should act and encourage good behavior.

Mains: Some jobs have social contracts. But you are who you are and things are expected of you when you have a job. This is just like a job.

Townshend: Why are we any different?

Mains: It’s usually things like you can’t wear a uniform while you’re drinking. That’s just an employee rule, not a written contract. It’s common sense.

Reid: This is common sense, too.

Rowe: Since we’re reviewing this, can we amend the second point?

Townshend: This is not to do right now but to do outside of here. I will put this up so everyone can get to this. We’re not going to adopt or sign until everyone is happy with it or if we decide not to have it.

Horn: We are adults here. We own up to what we say. I don’t believe in this. We are writing the bylaws. Put a standard code of conduct in the bylaws. I think it violates your personal rights.
Townshend: I think that’s valuable. Bylaws used to have office rules. It was basically saying how to act in an office. However, there has to be repercussions from this body if it’s in the bylaws. I’m not saying this is the best way to go about it but addressing it in the bylaws is a large cost to us. We don’t have a judicial system in place to keep these in check.

Mains: Can we move to an informal poll of if we want this or not?

Lake: Can we get a brief outline of what’s in it?

Thuringer: There are four main sections. Most are things people are already doing. However, things have happened where it’s been a bit iffy and no one has any way or saying whether or not it is okay. We decided these might be good to introduce with each new Senate. That way people come in and know what’s expected of them. Most of our constituents don’t know who we are. To say that they understand everything you post is expecting a lot. Leadership is not a privilege. Certain duties come with the opportunity to serve on this Senate. Address that with your behavior. I know we’ve all had moments where we haven’t acted as adults. Doing something that goes against this document is not acting as an adult.

Stevens: Motion to extend.

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

Murdock: Kiah oversimplified it. At the September Board of Regents Joe Thiel was discussing the Board of Regents’ code of ethics. It allows them to be more efficient as a body. That’s where this all stemmed from. It is to make meetings more efficient as well as to keep daily interactions more appropriate. It is something most governing bodies have. Future Senates may not always be adults so having something that would continue over from year to year to help bodies realize expectations would be beneficial.

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Thanks for passing the locker supplemental. It won’t happen again. Thanks for understanding and standing up for students. I wanted to update you guys on the library. They get 32,000 visits a week, so it is really well used by students and it would be a great place to ask for input. Random Acts of Shakespeare study breaks will be taking place during finals week. Randomly, volunteers will do 3 minute dramatic reading of Shakespeare. It should be fun and it has been proven that when students take study breaks they are more effective in studying. It would also add some fun to the library atmosphere at the end of the semester. Rob Ash has been nominated for Liberty Mutual Coach of the Year. Students vote online so I will keep you updated on that. On November 28th from 12-2 we’re having at large listening session. I cancelled it this week because I wanted Lindsey to be there and wanted more time to market it. It will be in the Procrastinator from 12-2. We’ll be having another Open House on November 28th as well. If you can come, please do. It’s a great time to connect with constituents and I really want it to be good. The Office of International Programs will be there. It is in the ASMSU Office. Tell your constituents. Hand out your business cards to students in class to invite them to come. They’ll get a free meal!

Strategic Investment Proposals are due by November 30th. There are lots of student organizations that line up with the student plan. There are a lot of organizations that could benefit from some extra funding. Talk to any and all different committees outside of ASMSU and tell them to submit a proposal if their values line up with the Strategic Plan because there are only 11 proposals in right now and there are $2 million to be allocated. We want money to go to the best programs, not just the ones who submit proposals. We will be going to Board of Regents and will be giving rides. We’ll leave Wednesday and
return Sunday so we can stay for the Cat/Griz game. We’d love to have Senators at the meeting, especially if you’re interested to learn how the system actually works. Please let us know if you’d like to go.

Murdock: We’re setting up homestays so we need to let them know by tomorrow at noon at the latest.

Abbey: CSAC is possibly bringing back up the Sustainability Certificate. It’s something that would be cool to do. I’m looking for a student to head this up and put some energy into it. if you’re interested in curriculum and sustainability, it’s a great way to get involved and gain some experience.

Thuringer: NECO has a group of five students who are working on it so let me know if you’re interested.

Abbey: It will really help to get this off the ground if we have a Senator on it. We already have that relationship with Provost’s office. The more people on board, the better.

Rowe: When will we be returning from trip at Board of Regents?

Abbey: Early Sunday.

We have our last regular season tailgate this weekend. We need Senators there because it makes such a huge difference. It’s been a lot of fun so far. We will be meeting here in the SUB at 10:30 and getting everything ready to go. We are most likely going to have at least one playoff game. If we do, do you want to continue doing the tailgate? We got the spot for you all to be connecting with your constituents and want to know what you think.

Scafide: It’s been really cold so I’m not sure if a lot of people will stop by. Lately people have been showing up to the games later because of the weather.

Mains: Maybe we could do hot chocolate? People sometimes complain that we never have bacon.

Murdock: We’re getting hot chocolate at the next game. That seems to be a no for playoffs. Next. Please come to the concert tomorrow night. We are one ASMSU so it means a lot to the program directors when you show up at events. They love working with you and they really do appreciate your support. For those going to game on Saturday. In honor of Veterans Day, we’re having a weekend of freedom. Right at beginning of halftime we will be recognizing all of the vets. Please stay in your seats before half time so we can recognize those who have served for our country. We want to show our support and halftime has been extended by 2 minutes to honors veterans. Today’s quote: “Open your mind before you open your mouth.” DRAKE

First of all, we had the first meeting on bylaws with Senate. There were only 3 senators there and a lot more people that are interested in general. Tiffany was there. Ultimately it’s Senate’s decision what gets passed. It’s great if we have people show up to these meetings, so plan for meetings the next few weeks. Our goal is to have the discussions on the difficult topics that are in the bylaws. There are a lot of things that do require good conversation. There are some very divisive topics in there. Meetings are Thursdays at 5, and copies of the articles will be left on the ASMSU table or wall so you can put sticky notes on them and write comments about if you want to support things or make amendments. This needs to happen by all Senators during the week prior to the meeting. I will also have a Google Doc to leave comments on the sections we’re discussing. The biggest discussions items will be addressed at the
meetings at 5pm. We won’t have a chance to discuss it in Senate meetings. I’d like everyone to work on those articles throughout the week. The deadline of the end of the semester was a bit optimistic. There are only two Senate meetings left before break. We have meetings on the 15th and 29th of November. December 6th we will have a retirement party for our Outdoor Rec Director. He’s been with MSU for 35 years and has spent 33 of those with Outdoor Rec and he has been an incredible asset to this university. There will be a party from 3-5 in Leigh Lounge. Please attend. At 6 instead of Senate we’re having a holiday party potluck. The location has not yet been decided. Plan on coming at regular time. It’ll be fun and a way to celebrate the end of the semester. Dates are invited. I asked to find a student to sit on the Outreach and Engagement Council. They will have monthly meetings and the potential for subcommittee work. It is working in relation to MSU’s Strategic Plan and looking at implementation for coming years. They will have a meeting next Thursday, November 15th at 10am. It is their first meeting. If you don’t have an ad hoc committee let me know.

Goldstein: I can do that.

Townshend: Great. I have basically completed all of the one-on-ones. Half of you don’t have an ad hoc committee yet. That is partially my fault. They got lost in transition. I will go to you that don’t have them to get all of you on one of them. Walter Banziger talked to me today. He’s the Director of Facilities. He was given money for classroom stuff, like Provost Potvin was talking about. The money could go toward another TEAL classroom or renovations of smaller classrooms. Talk to me if you have any questions because I’m on the committee for deciding where that money goes.

Murdock: Go to Cure for the Common tonight! It should be super fun and funky!

Townshend: It was awesome to have the people here today talking about parking. A parking garage is not necessarily the best solution. I strongly encourage you not to say that’s happening because that’s not necessarily the plan at this point. I was in a meeting with him earlier today. The numbers he gave us for the structure today are based on them not having a down payment and having high price spots within the structure. If we kept it all SB parking, passes would increase by 50-60 dollars over the next three years. It could get more and more expensive as far as passes go. We have a guy working on solutions, like a Park and Ride from satellite location. The park and ride solution could be funded with a raise of 11 dollars per pass and there is a huge price difference there. Think about the long term maintenance. The parking permit fee is going to go to the President. In February, she will decide if it needs to be raised or stay the same and then she will come to us. Pass raises have been denied for five years and have stayed where they are. That really constrains them as far as maintenance goes. Pass price raises might be a necessary evil, so keep that in mind. If you have questions, let me know. Another thing that has been talked about is pawning the F lot. It would be much more orderly and would increase efficiency of the space. It would also have islands and detention ponds for runoff.

Stevens: What are we doing for trucks? It is really hard to park them on campus.

Townshend: We haven’t talked about that.

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French: I’ve been talking to the Assistant Provost about class sizes. If you have comments or concerns let me know. Also, the tailgate signup needs to be filled out. We still need two more people. Sign up.

Reid: Tuesday there will be a focus group with Streamline. Get the room number from colleen. Come from 12-1. There will be pizza. Think of ideas and questions you may have.
Rowe: That meeting will be here in SUB 235.

Mains: Tomorrow from 11-12 there will be a Scavenger Hunt meeting. We want lots of responses. It will be a great meeting.

Thuringer: Check your email. I sent out the Social Contract.

Stevens: How are we differentiating reports from announcements?

Townshend: Reports have to do with your official capacity as a Senator. Announcements are more general but make sure they are relevant to this body.

Abbey: For example, an announcement would be that NECO is hosting a banquet. A report would be that we discussed co-sponsorship of a banquet with NECO.

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French: Dean Sherick is retiring. There will be a reception for her tomorrow from 3-5 in Leigh Lounge. Please come!

Howard: I’d like to point out the woman in blue. This is Nicki Duggan, the Exponent reporter that sits through all of our meetings. Say hi to her and get to know her.

Scafide: Jenny Lawson has been accepted into Teach for America Corps. We have quadrupled the amount of applicants which means our students are getting involved.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Thuringer.

Seconded by Mains.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37pm.