Meeting called to order at 6:00pm

Roll Call: excused-none

Review Previous Meeting’s Minutes:

October 4th, 2012

Move to approve the minutes made by French

Seconded by Scafide

Public Comment:

Kostelnik: You have all gotten an email from me about SAA, which is the Student Alumni Association. We are trying to recruit as many students as possible. I have pamphlets with information if you are interested. Email me if you would like more information. Please join.

Recess for Pizza

Presentations:

- President Cruzado

Cruzado: I have been trying to come since the beginning of the semester. Thank you for all of your help with so many events. Your presence, your participation and input has been essential. Thank you for being there for the Deans. Thank you for being at the homecoming parade. Was that fun or what? I was riding with a little fellow, Emmett is 8 years old. He has brittle bone disease and Emmett is a bobcat. I decided to invite him to the Presidents box for a football game because his mother was always too afraid that people might bump him. I said he could come to any game he chooses. He chose the homecoming game so I invited him to the parade. He was so happy. His little eyes watched you with profound admiration. He was quietly wishing that someday he could be like you. We are celebrating many great accomplishments here at MSU. You have heard me brag about another record student enrollment. This is a huge responsibility. We have gotten there because more students are choosing MSU as their college of choice. We are also doing a better job at retaining students. That is very important to me and I need your help. The way in which we retain students is by making them feel like part of this university. Reach out to your friends and get them involved. They also need some help with academics. What we are developing at Student Success is absolutely fantastic. We have record employment for tutors. People are willing to reach out for help. Another bragging point is a new record in research. We compete neck to neck with much more powerful institutions. This is one of the things that makes MSU so special. There are so many opportunities for students to participate in undergraduate research. I want to know if you aren’t able to do undergraduate research opportunities. This is what will give you an edge in the job market. Last year you heard me brag about Engineers Without Boarders. The MSU students won a very special award for their work. That program inspired
the whole campus. The core elements of the new strategic plan are to excel in teaching, research, and engagement of the students. We are the only school in the nation that is going to do that. In the future when people see that you graduated from Montana State University they will know you are special. Thank you for your help in this strategic plan. There are many exciting things going on around campus. There is going to be a new building for the College of Business. We are also starting to work on the legislative agenda for next year. Yesterday we had a tour of Romney Gym. We want to bring Romney Gym back to its old splendor but not as a gym, as a place for student centered activities. This invitation is for you because we are in the planning and brainstorming session. I need your ideas. That is one of our projects right now. The other one is our first year of veterinary instruction here at Montana State University. Those are some of the projects that we are working on. None of this is possible without you. From Emmett to every faculty member, we are just so happy that you are our students. Let’s make sure I see you on Saturday and the other games as well.

Howard: Is the veterinary medicine offered at a graduate level?

Cruzado: Yes, we entered into an agreement with Washington State University. The only school that was ready to undertake this was at Montana State University. The students will be able to take their first year here and then will move to another University to complete three more years.

Rowe: I am glad that you took the time out of your day to come present to us. Thank you.

Cruzado: Thank you. You will see me again in January. I will come at least once every semester.

Goldstein: If we have constituents coming to us with an area that is lacking, how would you prefer we go about handling that?

Cruzado: The person who is in charge of every academic program is our provost. We have found five new deans. With the help of the provost, deans and you we will be able to solve problems that arise.

Thuringer: Had anything been changed in the strategic plan to accommodate the building of a new freshman dorm?

Cruzado: We have been slowed down by the requirements at the state level. We went last September to get the permits. We are counting on having more beds available soon. There will be between 90-100 new beds for next year. We are counting on having 490 beds through a private auction. It is a very delicate balance between the private investors in the city and we don’t want to create a feeling of unfair competition.

Howard: How are the goals of your strategic plan being put into action?

Cruzado: Colleges have until next December to come up with their own strategic plans. They should be implemented in the spring. We will all be on the same page. People are figuring out how we can make sure that these things can occur. In order to jump start all of this we are planning on doing is devoting an entire year to focus on engaged leadership. This is exactly what you are. You are people
who want to go out and make a difference. We will have a series of events in which people understand that these are the core values of Montana State University.

Lamm: When will you plan on publishing the plan for the year of engaged leadership.

Cruzado: Anytime now, Lindsay and Kiah have been helping with that. I would love for you to join us for those conversations. I hope that you are now starting to enjoy some differences with the wireless. I wish you all the best. Let’s keep this wonderful institution moving forward. Thank you for making me so proud.

• Jim Rimpau- Vice President for Student Success

Rimpau: I have been here for 11 years. For the first 10 years I was the Chief Planning Officer on campus. Last summer President Cruzado asked me to work here and lead the Division of Student Success. I am able to work much closer with the students. There are 11 or 12 different units of the Division of Student Success. We also have an office of student success. Perhaps some of you have used their services before. I don’t really have a presentation but I really want you to know that I would love to be of service to this group. If at any time you as a body want to study something or talk about something I will be here. As a follow up, we do have two projects that will open about 100 new beds this next fall. On the horizon, private investors are talking about a 500 bed apartment complex. Everyone is waiting to see how that goes and if they progress with that project.

Thuringer: How many students are still in temporary housing?

Rimpau: They are all out of what we call temporary housing but there are still some in the apartments within the dorms. We got everyone out of the lounges the first week. You always have a number of students who don’t come and those spaces are filled with the overflow as quickly as possible. We are still full but we don’t have anyone is temporary housing.

Scafide: Do you still require all freshmen to live in campus housing?

Rimpau: We still require students to live on campus as freshman. It became more and more apparent this fall that there were more students than expected coming. For the first time we called freshman who lived in Bozeman and told them its ok if you want to live at home. Out of all of those contacted none of them took us up on that offer. We require that all freshmen live in campus housing. For the sophomores, juniors and seniors it is first come first served.

Scafide: Do you foresee limiting upperclassmen to a certain dorm?

Rimpau: We wouldn’t prefer to separate them. Montana’s population isn’t growing that much and we are anticipating an increase in the freshmen class. We would like our dorms to keep a mix of freshman, sophomores and upperclassmen.

Abbey: I am wondering why Bobcat Rodeo is in your division.
Rimpau: Rodeo isn’t something that I know a lot about. You may be wondering why it isn’t in athletics. They aren’t governed by the NCA rules. Their rules are very different. It has been that way for many years. Someone probably decided many years ago that this doesn’t look like the rest of the NCA sports. We do provide scholarships for them just like the other sports.

Vanata: Are there freshman living in family graduate housing?

Rimpau: We have freshman living in apartments that were previously designated to the family graduate housing. I think that started last year.

Vanata: Do they ask for that option?

Rimpau: I think they ask for it but if we didn’t have that many freshmen that wouldn’t be an option. That would be one of the first places we would move freshmen out of if we got the opportunity.

McKay: That is an option selected by the freshmen.

Rimpau: It is an option that we probably wouldn’t offer if we didn’t have an overflow of students.

Lamm: Thank you for what you have done with the career fair and tutoring. Can we combine the advising department for each college with the office of Student Success? It would be something to think about. Sometimes students feel out of place going to their professors.

Rimpau: There is an Advising Council; you may want to look who is the chair of that.

Murdock: Dian is the one that chairs that. To my knowledge I think we have a student representative for that.

Rimpau: Carina Beck, who manages both of those programs, does a great job.

- Dewitt Latimer - ITC

Latimer: I have been on campus since about July 1st of this year. I got to know your President and Vice President. What I want to bring to you guys is, less talk more listening. One of my goals is to transform the IT division that I am responsible for but IT services in general. I want to focus on them being more student and faculty centered. Wireless isn’t where I want it to be but we are working hard to make improvements. I am going to prioritize the list of remaining buildings. We have tried to make it much easier to get on to the internet. We have combined the help desk and the reference desk at the library. You no longer have to go outside to get to the help desk in the library. What I really want to do today is engage with you guys. One of the things I would like to do is form a standing IT committee. I want a good vehicle to work with the students. I learned at Notre Dame that if you take care of your students they will take care of you.

Scafide: I think that the IT is going in a good direction.

Mains: What are you thinking about for the setup of this committee?
Latimer: I want it to be something that works for you. I want it to be a vehicle that makes sense for this body. I will bring my associate CIO with me and we can work together. I would see something like that but I am willing to do whatever works for you.

Mains: Are you thinking about a forum with the students?

Latimer: I would like to do both. The town hall format will be the format. We would do this every 4-6 weeks. I don’t want to impose my will upon you guys. I would also like to have the standing committee as well.

French: What other buildings are you planning on upgrading wireless?

Latimer: We are focused on the buildings with a high teaching and researching load. The dorms fall outside of my purview. I want to have a consistent experience. I was given the senior exiting student survey. I was a little disappointed to say the least. President Cruzado hadn’t seen it in her two years. The students were not happy with the wireless experience on campus. My feeling is you guys should not be subjected to how we implement technology.

French: I have had some discussions with faculty about Banner. Do you have anything to do with that? What are your thoughts on its antiquity, making it better and more user friendly?

Goldstein: Can you define Banner?

Latimer: It is our main administrative system. The student registration and financial aid all go through Banner.

Scafide: It is Myinfo

Latimer: It is in desperate need of an update. The Banner Company just merged with its competitor. It should be more mobile friendly, modern web interface. We will see the early pieces of that new plan after January.

French: So are you looking more for software rather than hardware for that? I have talked to faculty that is having problems with that.

Latimer: The trouble with that is you have to look from end to end. It could be from anywhere from the Banner system itself to the network that is in their building to the type of PC they are using.

Thuringer: Last night I spent some time in South Hedges talking to students. They said that the wireless is wasting their time. This is complicating their educational needs.

Latimer: We agree on that and it is on our radar to address.

- Duane Morris- Auxiliary Services: Football Game Ticketing

Morris: I was actually invited here by Senator Horn so I’m not exactly sure what I need to answer.
Horn: Students are having problems getting tickets at football games. I tried to help them figure out what was wrong. They said that they went on tickets west and it said the ticket was uploaded to their card. You have to go through two more windows to verify that and the students didn’t get that. At the next game there was a reduction in the number of seats. There were a lot of issues that were encountered.

Morris: Most of your information is false. The capacity is the same for each of the games. Students could have walked up and swiped their cards and could get in. There were probably 40 students total that had issues. That’s why we have that person there to help deal with those issues. We will follow up with the ticket provider. For some reason on certain accounts the MSU server is blocking the email coming back in. Now we have some good data to fix this.

Horn: The other issue is, why do they have to pay the fee to receive the ticket at home?

Morris: It is right online.

Bell: If you go to msustudenttickets.com there are specific instructions on how to get your ticket.

Horn: A lot of students I know go into ticketswest.com instead of that website.

Morris: On game one there were over 10,000 hits on the website msustudenttickets.com. This site is working.

Stiles: This is nothing new. It is our student section and it is our responsibility. We take the responsibility for that section and fixing those problems.

Morris: Three years ago President Cruzado decided to change the student ticket system and we made it happen. In the off season we sat down with the students and asked them what they wanted. They said they wanted both preloading their ticket and swiping their ticket at the game. We spent the next 8 months finding a solution to that problem. We got that up and running. They were named innovators of the year for that solution. After you get the hang of it, it gives the students exactly what they wanted.

Howard: I know that some people are having trouble getting buddy passes.

Morris: They may have been sold out.

Howard: I don’t think they were all sold out by Monday. It may have been a problem with the internet.

Morris: Buddy passes sell out very fast. It is hard for me to give specifics. If you have problems call the ticket office.

Thuringer: Is Tickets West something specific to our system?

Morris: This is our second contract with them.

Thuringer: Can we streamline this process instead of clicking eight different boxes. Could it all be on one page?
Bell: It is just like buying a ticket to a concert. If you forget to check a box the website will notify you.

Thuringer: So we can’t simplify this process?

Morris: We are trying to protect you and your information. The tickets are all the same on Tickets West.

Lamm: There is an issue with the system recognizing us as students. Is there any way to get around that or fix that?

Bell: It is a person by person basis. It sounds like you are login into the wrong side of Tickets West. You need to start at msustudenttickets.com. Make sure that you use an actual true email that you can access.

Lamm: Is it possible that we could stream this through the Ask Us desk?

Bell: No because they would have a lot of information about you that they shouldn’t have.

Morris: You don’t want those outlets to have that information.

Bell: If you come up to us and tell us about a problem we will go out and help you. We can walk you through the process.

- ASMSU Public Relations- Isaac Hunter: “Play Hard, Work Harder” Campaign

Hunter: A lot of what I do is marketing and advertising for ASMSU. These are our promo items that we bought over the summer. We are working on getting you all business cards soon. The main reason I came here is for the “Play Hard, Work Harder” Campaign. It is a poster campaign specifically for senators. This will help your constituents relate to you. There will be one poster for each senator. All we need is for you to show up next senate meeting. If you have conflict please come talk to me. Please bring an item that represents you and one of your favorite textbooks. The whole point is to emphasize that we are social and work our tail off. Let me know if you have ideas. You can always talk to Hannah or Steven who are the liaisons for this.

Reid: Is it possible that we could get ASMSU shirts?

Hunter: Yes, that would be with PR. We can talk about that if you want.

Mains: We can set up a meeting and then report back.

Reid: What is this?

Hunter: That is a keyboard cleaner. We are thinking about getting ASMSU window scrapers for the winter.

Vanata: I just want to thank you for being so invested in your position.

Hunter: Our main goal is to let students know that they are a part of ASMSU. We really hope that the “Play Hard, Work Harder” campaign will help us do that.
Unfinished Business:

New Business:

New Senator Swear-In Conducted by Lindsay Murdock for Senator Mulick

Townshend: Could you just tell us a little about yourself?

Mulick: I just transferred here. I graduated in 2010 but my credits still say I am a sophomore. I am a double major in early childhood education and business management. This is my first year in the cold. I transferred from California. I am very happy to be on senate.

Admin Reports:

- President- Kiah Abbey

Absent

- Vice-President- Lindsay Murdock

Murdock: One of the committees that got started last year was a Good Neighborhood Committee. She is at the City Hall meeting right now rolling out this program. It will work similar to the one started over in Missoula. I have a reminder to sign up for the tailgate this Saturday. There is a sign up on the new cork boards in the office. We will start at 10:30 at the ASMSU office. Please come help us out. It is a great opportunity to reach out and talk to students. We put up a new cork board and white boards. Please put info up on those. Program Directors will also post upcoming events on those. Please use those as a collaborative workspace. Quote: “When all is said and done, more is always said than done.”

- Business Manager- Lauren Jackson

Jackson: The supplemental balance is the exact same as last time. We will be meeting for finance board this upcoming Tuesday. We do have forum without the new students until after the ten days.

Stiles: We are meeting on Tuesday instead of Wednesday now?

Jackson: Yes, at 5:30pm. We will be going over those policies with the senate soon.

- Senate President- Michael Townshend

Please keep your comments to the topic. Specific ideas or questions need to be taken outside of senate. If we are asking specific questions we haven’t done our research. These presenters take a ton of time out of their day so ask them things relevant to the topic. Direct response is only in response to a question. Direct response must be accepted. You also need to thank them for seating the floor to you. There are fuzzy grey areas but we will figure those out. People need to ask for question of privilege when you need to get up. I need to allow you to do that. I know I was lenient with them on their time and I will monitor that in the future the best I can. Now I would like to open up to feedback.
Mains: When you sent out the agenda please don’t send it out as a PDF file.

Townshend: I will send it out as both a PDF and Word document.

Stiles: I think that if we have an important topic of discussion we can stretch that time limit. It is at your discretion. They are taking their time out of their day to do this.

Townshend: Do you have an example of this from tonight?

Stiles: No, just for future reference.

Townshend: I am going to do my best to do that because there is a fine line between relevant discussion and too specific discussion. Please do your research before the meeting.

Goldstein: Can we appeal your decision to limit discussion?

Townshend: Yes.

Rowe: What should I do instead for the grey area my comment was in?

Townshend: I have no idea. Do you know Senator Abeh?

Abeh: I don’t know. I think you just have to use your discretion. I think you are ok.

Abeh: I just want to say that you are doing a great job. When you address the chair person you should say “Mr. Chairman, members of Senate”. It is something that is polite. At certain times that would be appropriate. The question of privilege needs to be asked. Please don’t do it in the middle of something important.

Townshend: The first part of your comment was drafted into the social contract.

Scafide: Thank you for a short meeting and giving us the minutes and agenda early. During presentations are we just going to let them call on us?

Townshend: It is probably most appropriate for me to route the questions.

Stiles: When you recognize a speaker they have the floor. The speaker would have to yield the floor back to you for you to be able to call on someone.

Townshend: I could make a question list prior to the question period.

Scafide: I like that idea.

Thuringer: It is a lot neater if you take your list beforehand.

Townshend: I will try that next time.

Townshend: Who doesn’t have a name tag that says ASMSU Senate? Leanne will be working on those next week because they are not printed yet. In regards to the social contract, I was hoping that two
senators could hammer that out before the next meeting. It isn’t final by any means. There is now parking on the west side of the stadium that is open to all passes. Tomorrow at 11am is the sculpture unveiling. The ceremony will be at Danforth Park between Hannon, Hamilton and Wilson area. In regards to the Standing IT Committee, who wants to head that up? Senator Scafide could you give a Senate report next week on that. I appreciate everyone being here so we are going to take a group picture for the website.

- Senate Vice President- Erica McKay

McKay: Thank you for the retreat. Let try if we can say thank you at the start of every comment to a presenter. All of these people are volunteering to be here so we should show them some appreciation. We need to help out Senate President Michael. No more notes and no more airplanes. This is not a joke. We owe it to our constituents to be professional. You all deserve the respect of a professional. We as a body need to hold each other to that. We discussed a scavenger hunt with things all relating to ASMSU. Who would like to head that up? If you are interested please email Hannah. Finance board is getting rolling. The students at-large will be appointed by President Abbey. After they are appointed then and we will select them.

Scafide: Where are the applications available?

McKay: They are available online.

Vanata: Are they on My Cat Careers?

McKay: No they aren’t.

Jackson: There are printed copies available.

Vanata: I insist that we put it on My Cat Careers.

McKay: The first finance board will be on Tuesday. Jackson will send out a quick recap. That way you will have more time to look over them. There will be some new policy for that. Email me specific things by the end of next Friday. Again, let’s try and hold each other accountable for these things.

**Senate Reports:**

Oak: I met with our film liaison. She had to hire a new projectionist thought the work study program. They are still looking for volunteers for the Rocky Horror Picture Show on the 26th. Please contact myself or her if you are interested. We also plan to meet the dean.

Townshend: That was a perfect example of what a Senate report should be. It was quick and concise. Please remember that there is a difference between Senate reports and announcements.

Mains: Isaac pretty much covered it all but please sign up for the tailgate. Please bring your props for the pictures next week. Your business cards are in the making, we are looking for a new design.
Vanata: Outside of us there is a faculty Senate and Staff senate. We covered board of regents, look those up if you are interested. We talked about awards and recognizing more staff. We also want to expand student recognition awards. Housing was brought up. We talked about the freshman living in graduate student housing there were concerns that they may not be connected to their demographic. Please check into that. There were concerns about the smoking ban. I think this would be a great topic to bring to the city Senate combined meeting. They believe that we are in phase three of the ban which is to blow off the ban and still smoke on campus. We are at a transition between implementation to enforcement. Please contact me if you are interested. Senator Thuringer is looking into increasing the smoking ban awareness. Concerns were mentioned about the trees being taken down for the business building. They wanted to make sure Senate was informed of what was happening.

Howard: I met with Steve Ericson; he is the building manager of the fitness center. ASMSU is helping paint the north and south gyms. Those gyms really need it. The insurance company is paying to sand the floors completely down and redo them. ASMSU is contributing by paying for the logos on the center of the floor, along with a stripe around the gym. There are no estimates for the cost of that yet. Mike, who runs the Outdoor Rec, is retiring. Phyllis has submitted his job description and we are creating a pool for applicants.

Stiles: The thing that I instituted while meeting with the directors was to compile a report for the month that outlines their strengths and weaknesses and which programs are working with ASMSU. I have been approached by the Exergy Friends of the Story Mansion. This board of five members is trying to secure the property for a community center. They asked ASMSU to send a representative to serve on their board. This would be a unique opportunity for our programs. We would have access to it for events and that is a huge honor for this body. Please look for that in the weeks to come.

Thuringer: If you haven’t seen these please sign them for the Sustainability Center. They are doing an excellent job on their own. They need to be signed tonight. I am currently working on a few things with the smoking ban. One is a resolution of support for signage so that people are aware that there is a smoking ban.

Mains: Someone came to us at the beginning of the year telling us that they have signage and receptacles for them to put out on campus. I think that would be a good place to start.

Thuringer: If anyone has any questions or comments please come find me. We have been looking into supporting options for students to quit. We also looked into how we can better enforce the smoking ban.

French: I have two opportunities recently. On was to attend the Romney Gym tour. I heard another side to the project. I encourage you to get involved with that. I have started a personal crusade of the advertised student teacher ratio, specifically in the College of Engineering. Let me know if you want to get on board with that.

Horn: The trees are my committee. I talked to EJ about the ones around the building will be transplanted. The reason the eleven below Wilson Hall are going is because their root base is growing
together. The transplanted trees have a 95% survivability rate with proper after care. They are going to try to do this with a tractor trailer.

Murdock: We will be meeting with President Cruzado to further discuss this. If you have further questions please come see Kiah or I.

Howard: I have a meeting with Dean Caires. If you have anything pertinent to him let me know and I will ask him.

Mains: For spirit committee we are working on a T-shirt exchange. She is still wrapping up homecoming things but it went really well. We are working with SSAA on something for the Cat/Griz game. I met with Steve from the fitness center and Phyllis. I am working on getting a safety advisory board for our entire campus. I am starting to write a resolution for that. If you are interested please contact me.

**Announcements:**

Mains: The Friends of MSU Library will be having a fall dinner on Thursday, October 25th. They will have a bunch of fun stuff. It is 75$ per ticket. This may not be necessarily a student event but I encourage you tell your older constituents or teachers to attend.

Horn: For the past 10-15 years I have been making a monetary donation to St. Joseph’s Indian School in South Dakota. This year money is a little tight and I would like to set up a donation box at the ASMSU office. I will gladly send things out to them.

Vanata: Run for the Roses is this Saturday. Please be there by 8-o'clock to register. I want to remind you that at the Museum of the Rocky’s event for parent-family weekend to wear your nametags. The MSU Blue and Gold Committee will be putting on a Ball. This is the second time they are putting it on. Please let me know if you are interested.

Lamm: The White House Project registration forms and money needs to be turned in to the Leadership Institute or myself.

Goldstein: At students for tester we are running an early voting drive. From now until Election Day you are able to vote. We will be shuttling people down to the Court House to vote tomorrow at noon.

**Adjourn Meeting:**

Move to adjourn the meeting made by Mains

Seconded by Rowe

**Meeting adjourned at 8:01pm**