ASMSU Senate Meeting Minutes for October 25th, 2012

APPROVED – 11/1/2012

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm

Roll Call: excused-none

Review Previous Meeting’s Minutes:

October 18th, 2012

Move to approve the minutes made by French

Seconded by Stevens

Public Comment:

Jenny Haubenreiser, Director of Health Promotions

Haubenreiser: Hi. I am here this evening to talk about the tobacco ban resolution. I have been working on this policy for five years and am also part of a national initiative. At this time we have 850 smoke free campuses in the United States, and 582 are smoke free. Clemson University just announced it will be tobacco free by 2014.

Our goal at Health Promotions is to support this ban and to communicate this policy as effectively as we can. At this time, there are about 10 permanent signs around the periphery and they are all quite small. We had asked for 30 signs when the ban passed. We have also been using sandwich boards to communicate the ban on campus, but their use has been limited. We can only have them up during daytime hours and during weekends because they have to be placed and taken down. We are looking at creative solutions to expand awareness of this policy. We think positive, attractive signage would be a great solution.

(She showed signs the University of Montana put up on their campus.)

These signs are about 18 inches tall. We are considering doing something similar in the first month of the semester to communicate that we have a tobacco free campus to new students and visitors. We are in full support of your resolution to expand signage.

My role is to look at the big picture over time. The need for signage will undoubtedly decrease over time. People need to get used to the fact that this campus is now tobacco free and we need to work on communicating this new policy more effectively until we get to the point where everyone knows our policy exists.

Lake: Where would funding come from for these signs?

Haubenreiser: The funding would likely come from Facilities Services. Budget is an issue at this point
because we need to pay for the signs and labor. However, if this is seen as a student priority, we will find funding somewhere. Either Facilities Services will or we will.

Lake: What do the numbers look like?

Haubenreiser: It will be about fifty dollars per sign. I’m not sure about labor costs at this point. All of our signage is made by the Montana State Prison so we get a very good deal. We are not sure how many signs we will need at this point. We still need to create a strategy. The current signs are on poles with other signs, some as much as three signs per pole, so they are not getting much attention. We need signage that is more clear and effective.

Presentations:

Thuringer: I’d like propose that we move the order of presentations because Kiah needs to leave.

Townshend: That will not be necessary. Kiah does not need to be here. I will, however, move the order of presentations. Our guest, Mark Frisby, will present first.

- Mark Frisby-MSU Bookstore

Frisby: Hi. I am the General Manager of the MSU Bookstore. The Bookstore is separate and independent from MSU. It is a standalone 5013c corporation and its shareholders are students and faculty of MSU. You are the prime beneficiaries of all activities at bookstore. About a year and a half ago, we brought up that we would like to get Banner access for the Bookstore. We had been fighting for access for 10 years unsuccessfully. Textbook rentals had been gaining popularity and we needed Banner access to implement our own textbook rental program. Within a week of your resolution passing, talks began. What you do in this body makes a difference. Three to four weeks after the talks began, changes were made. We now have appropriate and limited access to Banner. We are now able to rent books. We started renting textbooks this summer. We had twenty books available for rent and sold over 100 units this summer. This fall, we had many more options. We had 200 titles available for rent and we rented 1776 units. This saved MSU students in excess of $70,000. We will have even more titles next fall. We are hoping to have closer to 400 titles available for rent. Many of you took advantage of rentals that saved you 45-55% off of the cost of new textbooks. Rentals are now a part of our store because of the support of this body. Thank you for that. As a side note, I recently became aware of a liaison position appointed from this body to liaise with the bookstore. We are currently governed by a board of three students and three faculty. We welcome further interaction with ASMSU Senate and we are excited about this opportunity. I am happy to take any questions.

Mains: Thank you for all you have done for MSU students.

Frisby: Thank you. This has been a major departure from how we usually do business but we’re very excited.

Goldstein: Thanks for coming. Looks like you’re doing great. Is this new rental program to combat the rise of electronic textbooks?
Frisby: No. It was to get in the game. There are dozens of rental places out there and we wanted to provide that same service. We are the least expensive brick and mortar textbook operation in the United States but we have been losing market share to everyone online. Electronic books are still not popular. Less than 1% of our sales are electronic. This will undoubtedly change over time, but students still don’t particularly care to study off of a screen.

Lake: Thank you for your time. I am curious to know the time span for payback on book rentals.

Frisby: The process will not begin until December. We will have received books back by then to return to wholesaler and if they are not returned, that is when I will start charging credit cards.

Lake: What sort of profit do you expect to make from book rentals?

Frisby: If everything works out as planned, it should be profit neutral.

Howe: Have you had any issues with textbook returns?

Frisby: This summer, 20 of the 100 rentals were not returned. The national average for unreturned rentals is 3%. Part of this was software related because I could not recharge for books at that time. I now have that capability so that should make things much easier. When all was said and done, only three books were not returned. We lost less than $50. I am convinced MSU students are ethical, honest, and not trying to beat the system.

Mary Bolick - ASMSU Daycare

Bolick: The ASMSU preschool is a program that you fund. We serve MSU students and families with childcare. We have children from 2.5 years old to kindergarten. We have approximately 70 children in our program both full and part time. We have a new sign on our building that was designed by Levi in Graphic Design. It was just put up this week. It looks great and we’re very happy with it. It let’s people know that MSU Daycare is there. We have been had problems with exhaust coming into our yard. We have signs that say to turn off engines so we don’t get that air anymore. We have two liaisons through ASMSU: Senators Scafide and French. They have already visited our program, checked things out, and asked some great questions. We have been very pleased with the immediate connection with our liaisons. Last weekend, I went to an Early Childhood conference in Kalispell. That was great for me to get recharged, network with people, and connect with others in similar fields. We shared issues, solutions, and more. We are just going through Montana Childcare licensing renewal and I am proud to say that we have a 3 level license which is a huge complement to our program and how we do things. We currently have 25 MSU students who are either doing work study or student employment. We just had a raffle on a quilt that one of our teachers put together and made $260. It’s a beautiful Bobcat quilt and we had many wonderful photo opportunities with it. We are involved in the 5 Stars to Quality Field Test. It is the Star Five Quality Program for the state of Montana. We had to apply to be a part of this test and we are one of the programs that has hung in there. It has required lots of work and commitment by our staff. We hope to be Star 5 by the end of 2014. We just redid the employee handbook and also had the family handbook done. We are very proud of both of these as we have put a lot of effort into each.
have been involved in the Early Childhood Community Council. We just published a school calendar for kindergartners getting ready to start school. That can be a tough time and a huge stressor on parents and we are supporting this effort to make the transition easier for students and their parents.

Lake: Thank you for being here. Do you see your program growing a lot on the next few years? Do you see a lot of growth?

Bolick: No, because we are licensed for 55 students at this time. Infant and toddler care would be our next big step. We don’t know where that is in terms of a need assessment but we do know that it is a need.

Scafide: To clarify, do you have a waiting list? Is there a need? How many are on the list?

Bolick: Yes, we do have a waitlist. There is a need. It goes out to 2015. We have some turnover with graduates each year. Last year we had a turnover of one child. Six spaces out of the 55 are set aside for MSU faculty and staff children and that has been a well-received service. With the graduates this fall, we will fill up again in the spring.

Abeh: Thank you for being here. What kind of implementations would you have to make to accommodate infants and toddlers?

Bolick: The licensing for infants and toddlers is very different from preschool. It would have to be a separate space. We could add onto the building but it would have to be a separate section. Infants require a one adult to four children ratio so it would cost more per child. Right now we do have an agency that helps us refer parents to existing programs.

Lake: What would it take to get a license for more children?

Bolick: At this point, it is an issue of space. We are maxed out. The state says we can only have 55 children here at a time. Please come visit us. It is a unique campus experience.

- Sam Atkins- Human Powered Transportation Coordinator

Atkins: I got hired on last year. It was a position that ASMSU decided to fund through the Sustainability Center initially. I work with bikes on campus. My position started in response to alarm from faculty of the safety of bikes and pedestrians on campus. MSU is 15-20 years behind rest of country when it comes to bike infrastructure on campus. Up until 2008, bikes were not allowed on campus. They had to be left on the outskirts of campus. In that regard, we have a come a long way. But we have further to go. There are no accommodations for bikes in the Master Plan of the university at this time. We have woefully inadequate infrastructure for bikes. These are some of the concerns I am looking to address. I want to promote a culture of biking on campus. I want to share my passion for biking. I have been working with student organizations and doing events. We just had a “Bike to Campus Day”. We had free coffee and donuts and collected surveys. We also handed out over 200 bike maps that have safety information and traffic laws on them. We’ve been working with the Western Transportation Institute on bike infrastructure, signage, traffic flow etc. We had a visit with the Montana Institute of Sustainable
Transportation to talk about how to improve bike flow. I’m also working with the Campus Sustainability Advisory Council in supporting biking on campus. We collected about 100 surveys on the “Bike to Campus Day” and are still going through the responses. We started a Bicycle Transportation Advisory Board for the university that consists of students, faculty, staff, and myself. We are working together to develop a proposal for a bike share program. It would start out as a semester long rental. We are still working through all of the cost analysis information. Once the program gains popularity and generates revenue, we would like to rent bikes for an hour or two so students can go run errands. We are working on a bike plan to be a part of the MSU Master Plan. We want to address biking concerns. We would like to have more bike parking and potentially more parking for bikes than for cars. We would put up signs to remind people to slow down on the mall and things like that to promote safety for bikers and pedestrians. I would love it if you guys talked to me. We’d love to have more Senators involved in our work.

Lake: When is your next meeting?

Atkins: It’s next Friday at 1pm in the study rooms.

Lake: Is it open to senators?

Atkins: Absolutely!

Goldstein: Thanks for being here. This is an issue that must be addressed. You are doing great work. When are you envisioning starting up the bike-sharing program?

Atkins: This program is very capital intensive. We would have to buy bikes, locks, helmets, etc. Ideally we would have someone to manage the program as well, so it would be significant amount of money. We are still working to cement the costs of this program so we can go through the funding application process. We hope to be sponsored through ASMSU, either discretionary funds or through the Outdoor Rec Center, and through the President’s Investment Proposal Process. I’d like to have it going in the spring, but it is probably more realistic that it will start up in the fall of next year.

Mains: I’ve heard rumors that we’re going to have people in vests on the mall directing bikes and I’ve heard that we are going to get rid of bikes completely on campus. What are you doing to stop rumor mill?

Atkins: We have a website that has rules of how to ride your bike on campus. UPD has not supported enforcing any traffic laws on campus because it is not a big threat on campus at this point. We have someone working with the communication department to make a website. Ideally we would work to promote this to incoming freshman. I am also talking to people face to face and telling them what is going on.

Thuringer: Have you considered a grant, possibly from the Bozeman community?

Atkins: Yes. The Bozeman Area Bicycle Board is also interested in a similar program. We’ve been looking at integrating them into this project. For the pilot program, it makes sense to do it on campus. It is lower
cost and lower risk. The downtown system would be much more capital demanding because it needs fancy kiosks and cards to swipe so it would add $400-500 more per bike in initial cost. We want to keep it small and start it here on campus. If it’s popular, we’d love to keep going and expanding out into the community.

- **Blake Bjornson - Bylaw Draft**

Bjornson: Our bylaws suck and have for a long time. I have been working on this for over 3 years and this is the first time it’s really come together in a nice way. Previously, we were looking at what we had and tried to change it within that framework. But I started fresh with a new framework and it is so much better. MS Word has some great tools to add sections and make a cohesive and well-organized document. You should have received the new draft. It is very much a draft at this point. I wanted to open up new bylaws. Many of the bylaws at this point are reactions to events that happened that were intended to stop them from happening again. There’s some ridiculous stuff in the Bylaws and it’s really hard to enforce. It’s become a huge document. We’re looking to create something that doesn’t box Senate in. We want to allow for movement for Senate to create cool programs to do new things and to not be so restrictive. There are a lot of outdated policies in the old bylaws and it is hard to keep up when things are changing so often. The old bylaws contained a very long, detailed section about programs. I’ve slimmed that down a lot and made it easier to be dynamic. We want to create more documents that allow for that kind of dynamic movement over the years. What we have right now is that each year, the program director will submit a mission to Senate for that year. Each year, that mission will be adopted by Senate and will define what we want to do. This would help us refocus each year. I took the bylaws and have cleaned it up considerably, removed old information and put some new things in as well. I want you guys to decide what’s important and what isn’t. Now is the time to bring everyone and start working on specifics. I want to create a task force. It might require a lot of individual work. It’s however we want to do it. We can discuss spring elections, level of senate involvement in processes, discussions of the judicial branch, etc. We have about half of the bylaws annotated and color-coded right now. It will need to be cross-checked with old bylaws to make sure everything is in there. Ideally we’ll have the first reading of the final draft on November 29th and vote on the final draft on December 5th. If it isn’t done, that means we didn’t do all the work. It’s up to us.

French: What’s the thought on implementation? Are we making sure there are no conflicts with the constitution?

Bjornson: There are one or two things in there currently that conflict with the constitution. In the spring, we can change constitution if need be to have both documents in agreement. From now until then the constitution would override the bylaws. The incorporate the new bylaws, we would essentially strike everything and propose a totally new document.

Mains: How are we going to review this? Instead of giving us the entire final document a week before, could we do it in chunks rather than when it is done so we can really take it in and get to know it rather than having to read the whole thing in a week?
Bjornson: Every section should be in there. Not sure how a task force will want to do it. You can do it article by article if you’d like. I get what you’re saying. It will ultimately be up to the task force to decide how to do this.

Stiles: We need to move into a task force to address this. There’s so much overlap, we need to review document as a whole to make sure it is all consistent. I move to create a task force.

Vanata: I second the motion.

Townshend: Does anyone have nominations for establishment of a bylaw task force?

Scafide: I nominate Stiles. Stiles accepts

Thuringer nominates Goldstein; Goldstein accepts.

Reid nominates Howard; Howard accepts.

Stiles nominates French; French denies.

Mains nominates Lake; Lake accepts.

Scafide: Do we nominate you, Townshend?

Townshend: No. I will be a part of it.

Mains nominates McKay; McKay accepts.

Townshend: Anyone who wants to be a part of the task force can fill out the Doodle and we will establish it outside of this body.

Lake: Blake has done an awesome job. He deserves a round of applause.

French: Where does that leave motion?

Stiles: Motion to table indefinitely.

French: Seconded.

• Eric Vann- ASMSU Elections

Vann: I haven’t been nearly as busy as when you were running. I’ll tell you what I’m up to and the ideas I have. I’m currently helping with the state legislative program. I went to the Romney Renaissance Renovation. I’ve been going to meetings and helping when they need help. Senate elections will be taking place in the spring and we will being the process at the end of January. Elections will take place the week before spring break on Tuesday or Wednesday. The five or six week process this year will give us more time for campaigning and hopefully will help with voter turnout. In general, the reason why our voter turnout low is due to low student involvement. Students are unaware of all of the services that ASMSU provides which leads to apathy. We need to work with liaisons to come up with events that
show students what we do and to get awareness out there. There are a lot of programs that ASMSU has started that the university now controls. Once students see how much we’ve done it will instill some pride in them and they will hopefully be more inclined to vote and care about what we are doing here at ASMSU. It is important to inform students and show them that we have so many amazing things to offer. Anyone who is interested in helping would be very much appreciated.

Mains: Thanks for coming. We have a meeting tomorrow for the Scavenger hunt that the program directors will be involved in. We’re doing lots of similar things here on campus.

Howard: Do you think having Senate elections in spring will help the transition from old Senate to new Senate each year?

Vann: Yes. I think it’s good if we have overlap and a training process. I’m not sure if it makes more sense to have it staggered or if we should elect Senators in the spring and have previous Senators stay on until the end of semester. It definitely makes sense to put something in place where new Senators have more time with past Senators to get to know their positions.

Lake: Why are there 21 senators? Is there a specific reason?

Vann: I am not sure. I think it’s based on the number of students in each college. I’m not entirely sure, but I believe it was adopted from previous years.

Mains: Maybe we should create a committee about this because there is a lot of information out there about elections and training for Senators that we could discuss.

McKay: We are having a meeting tomorrow about that.

Vanata: I think we should encourage some research about this. It may be helpful to look at different universities, see how they model elections and the transition period, and see how successful they are.

Vann: Good idea.

Unfinished Business:

2012-R-15 – Signage Regarding the MSU Tobacco Ban

• Sponsors: Cara Thuringer, Gianna Vanata

Townshend: Second reading of Resolution.

Scafide: I move to approve.

Seconded by Thuringer.

Townshend: There is now time for discussion.
Thuringer: I would like to amend the resolution. I would like to strike line 10 and replace it with “Whereas, the design and placement of the signage will be done in collaboration with Facilities Services and Health Promotions.”

Reid seconded movement to amend.

Townshend: Move into discussion on amendment to strike line 10 and replace with “Whereas, the design and placement of the signage will be done in collaboration with Facilities Services and Health Promotions.”

Reid: move to previous question.

Seconded by mains.

Motion carries.

Townshend: We will immediately move to vote on the amendment.

Vote on amendment: 16/2/1. Goldstein changed from yea to no.

Lake: I would like to add a line that something to the effect of “funding will not come from students.”

Townshend: You cannot make a friendly amendment.

Lake: Move to amend. I’d like to add “the funding from the signage will not come from student fees.”

Seconded by Stevens.

Mains: Our students voted to have a tobacco free campus so they will want to support enforcing that. I feel using student funds will be appropriate.

Lake: They voted to approve ban but did not vote to approve for us to use our funding for this.

Vanata: I appreciate Senator Lake’s concern with student fees. I feel like we should cross that road when we get there. For this resolution, I feel this amendment is unnecessary and may send wrong message.

Thuringer: Health Promotions has some money that they may be able to use. We also have a reserve fund this could come out of. No one is considering us as an option for funding at this point. We could fund it if we want to but we should address that separately. The point of this resolution is that we support more signage regarding the ban and saying we don’t want to pay for it may take away from the power of the statement we are making.

French: Jennifer mentioned there is funding from the state with tobacco free ideology. Whether or not the verbage is necessary is a moot point. We are not looking for funding from ASMSU so we can deal with it later.

Howard: Let’s talk about where we’re going to get funding now. Let’s nip it in the bud.
Stiles: I support passage of this resolution with the amendment in place. I think it’s completely fair. It’s backed up on a state level. The state wants it so it’s not worth us spending student fees to put up the signs.

Rowe: I agree that it is good to take a preemptive strike. I would like to clarify support for this amendment. We want to have all the information in there.

Lake: If it would cost 50 cents or less per person I don’t think it would be a big deal. We can get funding elsewhere but I think we could probably pitch in a little if need be.

Goldstein: This is a great discussion. I agree with senator Stiles. This is a state centric idea so we need to be careful on how we word our support. This does not need to be open ended. There are a lot of students who would not want their funds used for this. Not 100% of our students are in support of the smoking ban.

Abeh: Previous question.

Scafide seconded.

Vote on amendment: One nay. Everyone else yea.

Amendment as read: 12/6/0. Amendment is passed.

Thuringer: Point of resolution: The fact that we do have a smoking ban is not a question. It does not matter whether or not you agree. This is not the point. We will not be seeing tobacco ban withdrawn; it is here to stay.

McKay: We have a responsibility to our constituents to keep them aware and duly informed of policies, as well as to clearly communicate our policies with constituents. Think of this when you are voting.

Stevens: I’m in opposition with what has been said right now. If we affirming this resolution, we’re telling the university we as students believe in the tobacco ban and think there must be signage. It is not aside from tobacco ban. We need to look to constituents and ask them if they believe in this ban if we want to make this decision.

Schaff: This resolution is affirming support of more signage for the ban. It does not have to do with the budget at this point.

Howard: I would like to echo Stevens. We are the voices of the people in our college. If they don’t support the ban, it is incumbent on us to not support ban. We are still the voices of our constituents. No one has done much polling on how they would feel. None of us know how we should be voting.

Vanata: We should represent our constituents and their opinion. Over 60% of turnout at the election last year said they did not want tobacco on campus and voted in favor of the ban.

Scafide: The nature of these signs is that you can’t smoke on campus, not where you can smoke. We are already having problems with some of the Greek housing and residence halls with smoke going into
these buildings. I feel that putting up signs that say you can’t smoke rather than presenting students with a place where they can smoke will create more problems. This is something to also keep in mind.

Thuringer: I have been talking to people in general. One in four don’t like ban. This is not formal, but it is what I have found.

Abeh: I have done polling with my constituents as well. They are supportive of ban. Let’s not forget that ASMSU implemented this ban. We’re at another stage of the ban and it’s important to have and facilitate this discussion.

Stiles: Previous question.

French: Seconded.

Move into immediate vote on resolution with approved amendments.

11/6/1 Mains to yes. Howard to abstention.

Resolution passes with the amendment.

Stevens: Point of order. We need a two thirds vote.

Stiles agrees.

Stevens: A resolution with funding attempt requires a two thirds vote.

Vanata: We are not doing funding. We are not paying anything for these signs.

Howard: Because we specified whether or not ASMSU will put money forward, that counts as funding intent.

Scafide: Move to move on with out meeting while Stevens and Stiles look this up.

Seconded by Mains.

New Business:

- Confirmation of At-Large Finance Board Members

Townshend: The chair, Michael Townshend, nominates Tiffany Kostelnik, Garrett Dunn, and Caitlin Murray to ASMSU Finance Board with the recommendation of ASMSU President Kiah Abbey. Shall these members comprise the Finance Board?

Scafide move to approve.

Seconded by Mains.

Lake: Could we have a quick introduction of each person?
Townshend: I’ll do my best because I don’t have any information here in front of me. Tiffany Kostelnik is sitting back there. She’s a wonderful asset to ASMSU and I can personally attest to that. Garrett is a biochemistry student and a sophomore. Caitlin is an accounting major with minor in finance.

Vote: 17/0/1. McKay abstains.

3 Finance Board Members confirmed.

- Confirmation of Senate Secretary

Townshend: Emily Martin stepped down because she did not have enough time for the position. I propose Rose Hodun in her place.

Mains: Move to approve.
Seconded by Thuringer.

Scafide: Could you introduce yourself?

Hodun: I’m a sophomore Psychology student from Cincinnati, Ohio and interested in getting more involved in ASMSU.

Vote: 18/0/0.

Rose Hodun appointed as new Senate Secretary.

Thuringer: Are the Feb 2nd bylaws our most updated one?

Townshend: No. The most recent ones are from October 5th. We changed some grammar but the content is the same.

Passage of resolution still pending.

- 2012-R-16-North and South Gym Renovations
  - Sponsors: Luke Howard

Townshend read resolution.

Townshend: Pending second sponsor. Needs second sponsor before it can be brought before this body in an official capacity. There will be no discussion on this right now. Please talk this over in the next week.

- 2012-R-17-Support for Motor Pool Changes
  - Sponsors: Rachel Abeh

Townshend read resolution:

Townshend: Pending second sponsor. No discussion once again. Please talk over this, find sponsors.
Stevens: I am going to withdraw my appeal to Resolution 15 due to lack of information at this time.

Thuringer: I can’t find anything about it in the bylaws.

Stevens: It would be in Robert’s Rules. I withdraw.

Townshend: Without any large contention, Resolution 15 passes 11/6/1.

Admin Reports:

- President- Kiah Abbey  
  (Absent)
- Vice-President- Lindsay Murdock

Murdock: I have a few things for Kiah and a few random updates.

We need a grad student to serve on Budget Council. Last year our VP was a grad student representative. If you know any grad students who love budgets get them in touch with either Kiah or I. Next Saturday the Missoula Institute for Sustainable Transportation will be here to give a presentation on ways to better the streets, trails, and transit of Bozeman. Everyone is welcome. There has been a motion to move 2 million dollars to be allocated to academic affairs and advocating for more tenure-track faculty because there has been a lot of interest in that. If you’re interested, go to the Dean’s Council on November 6th from 10am-3pm.

French: The money is for infrastructure or programming, not people?

Murdock: From my understanding the allocation of that money is yet to be determined.

Here’s news from me:

We will have our tailgate at A12 this weekend. The signup list is on the corkboard in the Senate office. Please sign up for this one or next one. Hopefully we’ll have as much fun this time as we did last game. We’ll meet at the ASMSU office and disperse duties from there. You sign up to help out the whole time: set up, take down, and then you can go to the game. It’s at 11am I believe. Check the sheet.

We are still looking for Rocky Horror volunteers for this weekend. We are also always looking for ghost riders on the late night Streamline. Let Kasey Welles know if stuff is going on, either good or bad. Tell us how our attendants are doing if you’re on the bus or if you’re bored on a Friday night. Quote of the night: “Don’t say it unless you mean it and if you mean it you better be ready to prove it” –Drake.

- Business Manager- Lauren Jackson

Jackson: Brandy and I will be doing internal audits and speaking with liaisons who use cash as a part of their work. We are working hard to make sure we are fiscally responsible and to account for all of our money.

Goldstein: KGLT has an external company audit them.
Jackson: Yes. That's because they receive a lot of grants. We mostly monitor students because money can get lost from time to time.

- Senate President- Michael Townshend

Townshend: What Stevens and Stiles were doing is totally allowed. You are all welcome to make a formalized appeal if you desire. We voted on a task force for bylaws because stiles made a motion and I didn't know how to do it right. We will formalize that task force later. Does everyone have a name tag? We are making one last order. Brandy wanted me to remind everyone that she still has a bunch of Cat Trackers. Senators are given them for free from the Leadership Institute so get one if you haven't yet. All senators get early registration so you can register Oct 30th at 8am. Make sure to get your PDF as soon as possible. We will be having a joint meeting with City Commission in the Harold Wanke Conference room at 6pm on Monday. That’s in the Animal Bioscience Building. Smith is working on recycling and sustainability and McKay is working on parking. Mulick will work with those two. There are other topics that need to be talked about and this is a great opportunity to bring up some of these issues. Please put effort into what you have to say. If you can’t be there, please let me know. It is strongly encourage that you attend and it is an open meeting. The more people we have there, the better.

- Senate Vice President- Erica McKay

McKay: Another note on the joint meeting. It is usually broadcasted on local television. It won’t be this year but there might be a podcast going. Let’s try to limit technology use during the meeting and show the commission we respect their time in talking with us.

Townshend: I agree. Please dress business professional and limit your technology use during the meeting.

McKay: I want to say that you guys had great questions with the elections task force for Eric. Meet tomorrow at 2 in the ASMSU office to discuss what elections look like now and possibilities for changes. We’re in the brainstorming process. Come and give us your ideas because all input important in this process. We’re having a meeting about the scavenger hunt tomorrow from 11-12 in the ASMSU office. Also: props to Rose. Get to know her.

We will be having a Finance Board meeting next week. We finally have students so we can get rolling on this. We’re having meetings Wednesday nights and Thursday mornings alternating because we don’t want anyone to get left behind with what’s happening with our money. This was a great meeting. I’m really impressed with you guys and I’m so glad we get to work together. I heard lots of awesome thank you’s and recognition. Love you guys. We were very efficient this evening and on a good track for the rest of the year.

Senate Reports:

Thuringer: You should all have just received an email from me. The University Facilities Planning Board wants feedback on whether or not they should bother to spend money on outdoor water fountains. They would be turned off most of school year and are expensive so we want to know what you think.
Reid: Considering how cold it gets, it sounds like a waste of money.

Thuringer: We could possibly house the plumbing internally, but it would be expensive. The reason we are thinking of doing this is because so many buildings are locked at night.

Lamm-I like the idea but it sounds like a waste of money. If days the fountains are on outweigh the days they will be off that would be great, but I would want hard data to prove that.

Howard: Are we talking about drinking fountains?


Rowe: I am working on an anti-drunk driving campaign. We are working with RHA right now. We are trying to target residence hall at this point to create awareness that we have a viable option to avoid drunk driving.

Mains: Are you going to contact any other groups or organizations as well?

Rowe: We are talking to the DUI task force and hoping they will help us out.

Lamm: We also requested a list of the 100 most populous sections of classes from the registrar. We could then have senators go to those classes and talk to students.

Reid: There are 3 chairs for the Streamline and it has been hard to fill up those chairs. We meet every 4th Tuesday from 8:30am-9:30am off campus and there are usually not 3 senators there which is inhibiting the Streamline from getting things done.

Tom Kostelnik: Does it need to be a senator or can it be a student?

Reid: There is a seat for a student and rider as well. The problem we are having is that we are not filling the three Senate seats. Can someone fill one of those seats? Or maybe we should go to one or two Senate seats.

Stiles: I can serve on that.

Scafide and McKay offered to as well.

Reid: Streamline wants to be county-wide public system. The City Commissioner is on board but the County Commissioner is not at this time. We need all the help we can get with this. We will be having a focus group Tuesday November 13th in this room from 12-1. Anyone can come and it will be an opportunity to get their ideas and thoughts out there.

Lake: I am on the Core2.0 Committee and we are developing assessments for effectiveness of courses. They are required by the states every ten years. We are considering a Core3.0. If you have ideas about more or less requirements, please let me know after the meeting. You heard Sam Atkins report earlier about human powered transportation. I am a liaison for that. It seems there is quite a bit of excitement about that so if you’re interested, please contact me.
Stevens: I am on the Exponent Publication Board. We have created a subcommittee that is in charge of hiring and firing. Two ASMSU representatives, two community members, and our editor-in-chief sit on that. We are currently dealing with an issue because the top four leadership positions at the Exponent will not be here next year. We are looking at a two-year model so this does not happen in the future. We are also looking into revamping their bylaws. We will also be having a SCOPE forum Monday October 28th from 12-1 on how students can meet academic thesis standards in SUB236. Veteran’s Club meets Wednesdays at 11. There are opportunities to volunteer closer to Veteran’s Day. They will be having a Chili Cook-off, which is their main fundraiser. Last year they raised enough money to help a family whose house had burned down and gave them gift cards for food and things like that. At 5pm before the Senate meeting in there will be a meeting about proactive solutions for students of crisis and concern. Over 50 students a year attempt suicide here at MSU. We want to work on educating friends and reaching out to parents. We also want to brainstorm ways to reach out to those who are struggling with depression down in the Dean of Student’s Office.

Scafide: I was at one of the listening sessions with Murdock and Abbey and discussed the possibility of creating a program for reserved student seats at sporting events and making it a reward. For example, if you fill up a section at a basketball game with members of your student organization, you can get a reserved section at a football game. We’d like to target it toward any student organization that has enough people to fill a section because we haven’t been filling up our student section and he just had our end zone expanded so we really want to fill it. If anyone has feedback or ideas for me, let me know.

Announcements:

Vanata: I would like to recognize a student: Alex Vetto.

Vetto: I’m an intern with Forward Montana Foundation. We’re a nonprofit nonpartisan organization that want to get people voting. We registered 10,000 people to vote this year, 1,000 at MSU alone. We’ve got them registered, now we want them to vote. We will be doing our Trick or Vote campaign on Wednesday from 5:30-8:30 where we go door to door in costume and say “Trick or Vote!” to remind people to vote on Election Day. There will be pizza afterward.

Murdock: Thanks for all of your effort. Forward Montana registered 10% of campus within their first week of being here. They’re doing awesome things. It’s a thankless job and people can be really rude so thank you for all you do to register our students to vote and raising awareness around voting on this campus.

Abeh: We’ve been celebrating Ag week! You may have noticed the tractors around campus. There will be a lot of older people and alums on campus this weekend. Introduce yourself and be nice. They want to hear from you. I had a meeting with my Dean’s office and we talked about leadership roles both in my college and in general and we talked about the fishbowl effect. There are so many eyes on us and we want to make sure we are promoting ourselves in a positive light because students look up to us and adults look to us as leaders. Be careful what you say and do, especially with your nametag on.
Goldstein: Tomorrow we will have an early voting drive. Students for Tester will be taking students to the courthouse every half hour so you can register and vote should you choose.

Mains: If you haven’t signed up for a tailgate yet, Laura is coming after you so do it! The Scavenger hunt meeting is at 11am.

Scafide: If seniors are graduating soon and looking for something to do, come talk to me about Teach For America.

Rowe: We are 12 days away from Election Day. Make sure to get your absentee ballot in. I will be at Rehberg and Daines’ office. Come grab me if you want to volunteer so we get the right people elected.

Townshed: Please hold off on the one-sided political comments.

Stiles: As ASMSU senators, we need to watch our political affiliations. This is a very controversial election season at best and we want to present ourselves neutrally. Please leave all of the buttons and stickers out of this body. Feel free to promote voting but it’s another thing altogether to bring about club business that endorses a specific candidate.

Townshend: Thank you. That was very applicable.

Stevens: We had an open house and I went to it. We had a good turnout but invite your friends. The last Wednesday of November is the last one. Information is on the wall in the office.

**Adjourn Meeting:**

Move to adjourn the meeting made by Thuringer.

Seconded by Mains.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:09pm**