Meeting called to order at 6:02

Roll Call: excused-none

Review Previous Meeting’s Minutes:

April 19, 2012 & September 6, 2012

Move to approve the minutes made by: Duker

Seconded by Townshend

Public Comment:

Presentations:

- Abbey Keene: Rec. Sports and Fitness Center

Steve Ericson -Stop by and see the new functional training room it has new equipment. It hasn’t been advertised yet but will be open to more people soon. Abbey will return in October to present more on the topic. Abbey Keen is in charge of the new functional training room and activity classes for credit which is now offering seven sections in various sports. These new courses are in very high demand and there is an actual wait list. A survey was done and given to 169 participants. This survey showed 168 students are involved with one faculty and most students are taking between 11 and 20 credits. Most students are taking the ACT course to be more fit and because they like the activity. Future courses may include basketball, rock climbing, tennis, weight lifting and soccer. Future of ACT Courses: possible need for course “fee” to accommodate equipment costs etc. and may need the support of ASMSU to expand. They will come up with a funding model to show what money is needed and the provost will go over those numbers to approve them. If he (the provost) is on board then they will come back and ask for support from ASMSU because they showed support and interest in these new credits. The overall FTE will increase due to these courses. Little to no classroom space is needed for these new courses and it becomes a win- win situation

Scafide: Are you looking to expand to the current course offering or add new courses?

Ericson: Both, the way to expand is slowly and to make sure we have good instructors.

Lake: Do students pay a fee at all to take these courses, is it possible to have a small fee?

Ericson: It depends on the budget and perhaps down the road we can attach a small twenty-five to thirty dollar fee to these courses.

Haskell: During the second session of orientation these courses were filled and it is great to see how much they are flourishing. Do these count as elective courses or are these just course to fill in?
Ericson: Some degrees have free electives, so for some degrees these electives will count and for some they will not.

- Eric Vann: ASMSU Elections and proposed additions to the ballot

Vann: For the past few weeks I have been preparing for elections and increase voter turnout. Candidates have been asked to make posters and to campaign more. The student and community needs to be more involved with the voting process. There are currently thirty-two people running for the Senate. In moving forward I would like to make the voting much more accessible for students. Perhaps use texting or other technology?

Scafide: Is it possible to put a pop up window on D2L reminding them to vote? Or provide a link to the election page?

Feder: Could and email be sent out through D2L to remind students?

Duker: Will there be a physical presence available on voting day to remind students to vote?

Vann: Yes, there will be a station set up and perhaps we could have senators not running to be there promoting voting.

Rogala: What is your target percentage of voters?

Vann: 30% or higher would be good.

Burry: I am considering doing a student choice film at the end of each semester and perhaps this could be placed at the end of the ballot. Only about 17% voted last year and perhaps this will increase voter turnout. I understand it is to focus on the elections but this might be a good way to kill two birds with one stone.

Mains: How are you going to do this? Are you going to provide options or leave a blank?

Burry: No, there will be three options at the bottom of the ballot to choose from. There will be variety within the movies. It takes about 4-6 weeks to book a film so this would give us a good idea of what the students want.

Thuringer: I really like the idea to be the student’s choice. However, if we say yes to you then we have to say yes to everyone. More and more non-election than election topics would be put on the ballot. Here is an alternative. Could you do this at the Procrastinator instead of putting it on the Senate ballot?

Abeh: That is a good idea, I agree with Thuringer. The ballot is strictly for homecoming and senate. Target the people who really want to watch movies by doing it at the Procrastinator.

French: I agree with Abeh. It would be more effective to have a sign at procrastinator and say what movie they prefer there.
Rogala: Why is the film an issue?

Burry: It is more of a request, not an issue.

Bandstra: Regardless, this may be seen as a compensation for the porn. But the students run the procrastinator so why not add it to the ballot? ASMSU’s goal is for students to be involved.

Scafide: Would you be opposed to adding the porn into that choice?

Burry: No

Mains: If we do this or not, is there any way they could vote for the movie and not the Senate and homecoming part?

Burry: We could use a next button so they could not just vote for the movie alone.

Lawson: Is the porn and end of the year thing or end of the semester?

Duker: I move to put the films on the ballot.

Seconded Abeh

Scafide: It is not election related but if the porno is on there this could close the problem that happened last year.

Duker: The ballot should be reserved for policy, elections and referendums. There needs to be a reason why we do things.

Horn: If we had a gimmick to get the people to vote it might get more people to vote. However, we must use a next button so that people can’t vote for just the movie. We need to grab their attention with something.

French: I agree with Duker

Rogala: What is the worst case scenario if we allow this on the ballot?

Duker: The purpose of the ballot is for elections of senators and administrative issues.

French: It’s about the concept of election and people’s voice, the movie puts that into a grey area.

Lake: There might be a skewed result because those who vote of elections may not be the Procrastinator’s audience and might not be accurate.

Feder: Raising the student involvement is important, but I don’t like the idea of it being a gimmick.

Thuringer: I want students to take our elections seriously. They need to consider who they are voting for and the ballot doesn’t need tag on things. This makes it seem less important. The students may us less seriously and if we say yes to you then we will have to say yes to everyone else.
Scafide: I want them to know what and who they are voting for and not just vote to get to the movie.

Rogala: These are all very good reasons but we are student government and we have room to play around with this stuff. What do the students want? It seems that only about thirteen percent of us pay attention. I understand wanting to keep the value of the elections but it does have some history of being used for other things. Maybe this could be a good thing to try. I think we are basing this off too much of a pristine idea of voting. This is not committing us nor will it ruin America.

Haskell: I am on the fence; it isn’t a big deal to me.

Abbey: After the porn was canceled it might be useful to have quantitative info about what students think.

Haskell: You should stand by what your actions have said, (regarding the decisions to chancel the porn to begin with). It isn’t that big of an issue to have it on the ballot.

Burry: This is for the end of the semester film, not the spring porno. Comedy, action and documentary are the categories on the ballot, not porn.

Haskell: Most students are well informed about porno incident. They may expect porno but will see that it isn’t on there.

Burry: This was never intended for the porn.

Lawson: If we keep it (the ballot) for the high up things such as elections and referendums, the students will become less involved. It might bring us down in people’s eyes to put the movie choice on the ballot. It might make ASMSU more approachable to them and maybe more people will want to know what we are doing. We are a college student government; we don’t need to be so serious.

Mains: It is great to support them but I am concerned about people voting just for the movie and blindly picking the people running for senate. I am worried about the outcome of the elections versus the movie.

Lake: I move to previous question.

Seconded by Abeh

Vote for adding the film to the end of the senate ballot

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Jenny Lawson: The motion fails.

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

Admin Reports:
President- Kiah Abbey

Abbey: I still need leaders to restore the M it is a time to get to know your other senators. I would love to have any senators to go register students to vote for federal election. It is a competition with the Griz. Please wear your register to vote buttons ALL THE TIME. There will be training at 10:30n tomorrow here in the SUB. The spirit gear fashion show has a meeting at 11 at the bookstore to get outfits. Please email them your shirt/pants/shoe size. Please wear jeans that day or nice pants that day.

Duker: what happens at the mass retreat?

Vice-President- Lindsay Murdock

Thank you for the critical discussion about the ballot. The point is to give students a voice and ownership. We represent them. We are trying to Unite ASMSU with all of the programs. I need a senator to serve on the academic advising committee. Is there anyone interested? On Friday there will be a noon show in the Leigh lounge; a local band will be there. There will be no tailgate this Saturday because there are not enough people to work. Talk it up for next week! It will have a BACON theme. I would love to have everyone come and help out. It is spot A12. There are all kinds of homecoming events coming up. There is the BBQ on Wednesday from 11am-1pm. We need volunteers for that too. There will be no bonfire due to burn ban so we got a fake one instead. It will be the exact same as last year, just no fire.

Duker: How does it get the theme, who chose the jungle?

Murdock: I don’t know.

Feder: It was sent out and suggestions were made.

Murdock. Please be encouraging students to vote homecoming and senate.

Business Manager- Lauren Jackson

Finance board met the other night and it went well.

Senate President- Jenny Lawson

I know some senators left early but they had reasons. Please check out our writing center renovations. It has a new set up and staff. You guys were instrumental in making that happen.

Colleen: We hired someone new in the office her name is Leann. She is mostly helping me out in the office. Please come meet her, her office is in the back of the room near Jenny. Also, be mindful that her desk use to be a hang out spot. This is where she works now. Her schedule is not permanent yet but please be mindful of her space and come meet her.

Duker: Is there any way to control the flow of emails during the busy parts of the semester? Could all of the announcements be put into one email instead of four or five?
Colleen: Hopefully, that is a great idea for us to work on.

- Senate Vice President- Dillon Haskell

That was a great discussion guys. The finance board did meet and some policies were thought of. We didn’t overturn anything and only changed things if we wanted to amend the dollar amount. They are pleased with what is going on right now. There is a new supplemental sheet and a new way that supplemental is turned in. This will make it easier on Brandy in the office. The policies we are looking at are about the same as last year but if programs go over budget it doesn’t come out of supplemental. Sponsorships for outside organizations that come to us and ask for donations from us and other places on campus will need to be dealt with on a case to case basis. This is a grey area that will continue into the future. We need to make sure that as a student government, that in the future we don’t put ourselves in a box. Finance committee discussed a policy last year about having a small meeting for small amounts of money, which are kind of difficult. If finance committee isn’t already meeting about something big, the executive would vote on that then it would come to the senate as opposed to meeting for three hundred dollars. Great budgeting from last year, keep in mind budget has to be taken as a whole thing not the little things. I hope this year we take the same path as last year.

Rogala: Who would deal with the small amounts of money?

Haskell: After the senate meeting Brandy will get the original copy.

Senate Reports:

Lake: I looked into ash cans for cigarettes. We walked around and found some good places to put them for students to use.

Rogala: We talked to EJ Hook, the Environmental Services Director, he is the person who took all of them out. He has a master plan of reintroducing them. Some people have made their own to dispose of them and we want to encourage them not to just throw their butts on the ground. An ash can may be put near Garfield because it is a high traffic student area. Perhaps we could make signs to promote the ash cans. EJ may come in and give a debriefing in the next few months.

Duker: Should we just wait until the next elections for committee problems?

Jenny: Perhaps you could contact someone running, who is likely to win and ask them to fill the position.

Jenny: Is everyone meeting with their committees?

Announcements:

Scafide: My sorority will be holding a fundraiser on Friday September 28th. It has all you can eat pie and you can throw pie at us. Tickets are only 3 dollars. Let’s all go out to Applebee’s after the meeting.
Feder: This Saturday there will be an ESL class, teaching English as a second language at Wilson school from 8-10am. Amnesty International is recruiting new members. The project this semester is focusing on some guys from Peru who lived on a dollar a day and what they experienced.

Adjourn Meeting:

Move to adjourn the meeting: Lake

Seconded by Mains

Meeting adjourned at 7:20