Meeting called to order at 6:02 pm

Roll Call: excused-Hannah Mains

Review Previous Meeting’s Minutes:

September 13th, 2012

Move to approve the minutes made by: Duker

Seconded by Scafide

Public Comment:

Reference Librarian: we love students and we take all of your comments seriously. I hope you want to keep up with the Library and would like to invite you to an event on October 2nd. It will be banned books week. We believe that all content should be available to you. We would love you to come.

Dani Clark: Hello I am a student lobbyist. The supplemental money given to me to travel wasn’t all used and I didn’t get to travel as much as I would have liked to.

Presentations:

•  Dean of Students: Matt Caires: Title IX

Caires: Congrats all outgoing senators and all incoming senators. I wanted to talk about some of the changes suggested over the summer. We made a major revision to our sexual assault policy. MSU did major revisions a year ago and are making a second round of changes. Three main revisions:

1.) How we define sexual assault-what it means to give consent
2.) Reporting requirements- every employee has the requirement to report a sexual assault if a student reports it to them. Only the Voice Center and Health Care Center are exempt in this rule.
3.) Shift in how we investigate these reports-trying to streamline this for victims. We want to make it so they have one place to go and one process to go through. Previously this was handled through many different places. A victim only needs to report to one office and have one investigation.

We believe this is a victim centered shift and are confident that we are doing the right thing for the students. We want to be as safe for the community that we can be.

McKay: Does this only involve reports of sexual assault or other crimes as well?

Caires: Title nine deals with the sexual assault and other crime is dealt with through a different system.

Thuringer: Has Montanan State decided on how we are going to use education in this?
Caires: All students may be required to watch a thirty minute video and take a small quiz. We have a great Voice center and they train 40 students a year. Students teaching students is a much more effective method of reaching out. The video may have too much of a parental view. The model I would like us to continue is education through other students. The Board of Regents may want every campus to do these educational videos. I think we should focus on was Bozeman needs as opposed to one size fits all sort of approach.

McKay: The voice center has a ton of great resources.

- Chantell Bury: ASMSU Films Director

Bury: I run the procrastinator and this year we made a few changes to the hours. We still do an early and late night show. There are new Sunday matinees at 12:30 and 3:00pm. It is now closed on Wednesday. We have two main sponsors, Erotique and Rooks Comics and Games. This year we have two returning employees and new hires. You don’t have to be a film major to work there. Every single person has work study and this works nicely with the budget. The budget for this year is $47,627.59 and the average cost is $12,00-15,00 dollars per film. Unfortunately shipping increased this year. Last year for the entire month of September 572 people attended the procrastinator. This year 743 people have attended and the month of September isn’t even over. So far this year we have seen a 15% increase in attendance. Some of the films to come are Brave, Moonrise Kingdom, Spider Man, The Dark Knight Rises, and The Cabin in the Woods. We are trying to do more new movies to appeal to a broader student audience. Advertisement has made new posters and we had a booth at Catapalooza where we gave out free tickets for the first few days the Procrastinator was open. We found that about 1/3 to a half didn’t even know where the procrastinator is. There is a new Facebook page for the Procrastinator and we are doing Ask Us Announcements. The future events for this semester include: coming out week, movies for family graduate housing, Rocky Horror Picture Show which is a canned food drive, a student choice film, and the Sundance Film Festival. We hope to show two Sundance films in the next semester.

Thuringer: Did you keep track of how many students used the tickets given away at Catapalooza?

Bury: Only about 50-60 tickets were used but it was nice to hand them all out and let people know where the Procrastinator was.

Lake: Do you employ professionals or students?

Bury: We employ all students.

Haskell: You have been doing awesome so far and it is great seeing you so passionate about this.

Bury: I’m actually not a film major, I am a geology major. You don’t need to be a film major to run the place you just have to be knowledgeable and dedicated.

Feder: Have you ever considered doing a documentary of the month?
Bury: Yes, I’m trying to get attendance up and I will try to take two documentaries to the Sundance Film Festival, as well as hopefully show one next semester.

- Laura Frazee: ASMSU Spirit Director

Frazee: Most of you guys were at the BBQ and I want to thank you for that. I pan the homecoming events and other spirit related activities. This year we couldn’t get a fire permit so we had a fake bonfire. I think this turned out good. It brings a good mix of people together and shows them what we do at ASMSU. Maybe we will have a chance do another bonfire later. I’ll play with that idea some more.

Haskell: Who won the float competition in the parade?

Frazee: Montana Crane Service won, the MSU ski team was second, and Pike/Chi Omega were third.

Haskell: Who won the ugliest float?

Frazee: Well my personal opinion……..never mind. Colleen and I put on the parade.

Townshend: How did the blood drive go?

Frazee: They had enough units I believe, I don’t know how many they collected exactly. The units seemed pretty full though. I think it helps to have it in the SUB because they get lots of people that walk in the door.

- Shelby Rogala and Eric Vann: ASMSU Elections Social Media Policy

Rogala: This is mostly for those serving on senate after this meeting. A couple of problems were found with the by-laws and we didn’t get to all of them. These were raised in this last election. We all met this afternoon and talked about these problems. The exponent has also called attention to the problems that have surfaced.

1) Fall/spring election- this is the second year it has only been fall elections. This is an important thing to consider for future elections. When do students want to vote?

2) Social media- We have never developed a policy to deal with social media campaigning. How do we respond to this through elections? What do we do about candidates bashing each other on Facebook per say? Nationally this is also coming to surface. We need to be a model for other student governments.

3) Restrictive voting system- It is important to have a physical presence for your constituents. Section 500-2 states: “A voter’s eligibility to vote as a member of a specific college shall be verified by the CatCard computer system.” I don’t know how we thought we were going to do this; we put that in there as a last minute thing. People have double majors or are in multiple colleges. We definitely didn’t discuss this enough. Can senators publicly tell people to vote for people outside of their college and what’s the policy on that?
I recommend talking to McKay and Abeh about this if you are interested. We want to respond as quickly as possible. We need to remember this is in public view, in the exponent, and it’s our job to find resolutions.

Scafide: When you were discussing, particularly the restrictions, did you guys come up with any solutions?

McKay: It is possible to narrow down to two colleges, we looked at if it was meant to be restrictive and I am making a task force to deal with this. New senators contact me if they are interested.

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

New Senator swear-in: Conducted by Kiah Abbey

Horn: I would like to make a motion to allow Jenny to appoint a representative until the election of executive officers next week.

Seconded by Scafide

Thuringer: Can someone explain to me why this is a good idea as opposed to extending Dillon and Jenny’s time. Why appoint someone for a only a week?

Scafide: They are actually no longer in Senate and we need to follow the by-laws. This would allow the new senators to make a more informed decision. They will have more time to get to know the other senators wanting to run for these positions.

Abeh: I would like to amend the motion by specifying that the appointed must be someone running for the executive positions.

Scafide: Seconded

Scafide: I think this would cause an unfair advantage because then we could see how well or poor that one person will be in the executive position. It would be much better if it were specifically someone not running for the executive positions.

Thuringer: I am not comfortable with the idea of appointing someone who wants to be in this position and it would not be fair to the others who want to be in that position as well.

Abeh: My idea with that is that we would be able to see the strengths and weaknesses of the people individuals. I understand what you are saying about an unfair advantage. We could give them the opportunity to run a meeting and see how they do. This will be one of their main duties in this position. It is going to be something we are going to have to address.

Lake: Would this be your decision solely to appoint someone? (Question directed to Jenny Lawson)
Jenny Lawson: Yes, but my decision could be vetoed.

Lake: Is this just for one meeting?

Jenny Lawson: Yes, it would only be for the remainder of this meeting and until the executive officers are elected next meeting.

Lake: I feel like we are making too big of a deal out of this. This is only for one week and not that many big decisions will happen during this time. Jenny has a good idea of who is qualified for this position. I understand what you are saying about an unfair advantage but I trust Jenny’s judgment.

Stiles: We have already spent enough time to discuss this. Why don’t we just take the time now to appoint our new executive leaders?

Jenny Lawson: Out of order. When you discuss you must be on the motion that is on the table which is presently the amendment.

Call to Previous question

Seconded by Senator French

All/none

Jenny Lawson: Motion carries. We now move into voting on the amendment made to the motion that specifies that the person appointed temporarily must be someone planning on running for the executive position.

Voting on amendment

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Jenny Lawson: Amendment fails. We now move into discussion on the main motion which would allow me to appoint a person to fill in for both executive positions until the elections next week.

Stiles: I move that we enter into the appointment process now and appoint new executive leadership.

Haskell: There is already a motion on the floor.

Lake: I move to previous question.

Styles: I change my motion to an amendment of the current motion on the table to go into exact voting for new executive leadership.

Jenny Lawson: That’s not possible, that is not amending the motion. That is a separate motion completely. Earlier there was a call to previous question. Is there a second on the call to previous question?

Seconded by Senator Scafide
Jenny Lawson: We will now vote on the main motion which will allow me to appoint a senator to the executive position until voting for new executive officers next week.

All/none

Jenny Lawson: Motion carries. We now move into a vote on the main motion.

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Jenny Lawson: The motion carries. I choose to point Senator Scafide until new Executive Representatives are appointed next week.

New Senator: Point of order, who will serve as Vice-President.

Haskell: You don’t need my position in the meeting. Don’t make a big deal out of this.

Admin Reports:

- President- Kiah Abbey

Abbey: Welcome new and old senators; my door is always open for you. The Student Leader networking lunch is coming up and we would love to have at least two new senators. This event is on October 16\textsuperscript{th} from 11-1pm. Please let me know if you are interested. Additionally, on October 10\textsuperscript{th} at 4pm, there will be a tour of Romney. We are going to the legislature this year to support the priority of the University system to remodel that space and make it more accessible to students. It is currently fourth priority and right now it is pretty un-useful. There will also be legislators there which will be a great opportunity for students to tell them why we think higher education is so important. Also, this would be a good time to tell them why they should donate some funds to us in the spring. The retreat is October 6-7 and it is very important for you to attend. The agenda is full of team building, strategic planning, and mission statement review. It is going to be pretty critical for the organization to have a diverse body of input. On Sunday morning it will only be senate and we will have the retiring senator Rogala there to talk about code of ethics at Senate how to interact with others at the meeting.

New Senator: What are the three things ahead of Romney Gym on the priority list?

Abbey: The COT in Missoula is the first priority. The science building at MSU Billings is second priority and I can’t remember what the third is.

Brandy Higgins who is our operations manager will be turning a HR recommendation in for her position. We feel it needs to be a sustainable position that can be filled by a professional who can stay there for a long time. To do this we need to make it competitive and make it a position that professionals will want to apply for. This is going to be a long process. Additionally, some people have been working on the by-laws for ASMSU. I think the best way to move forward would be to make a small diverse committee to
read through all of them. It is really important that this is done and we need new ideas. The by-laws will hopefully be used for the next 5-10 years by the senate.

Townshend- I recommend that everyone at least skim the print of the by-laws. Blake, Phyllis and I have been working very hard to get this done. You will have a much better idea of what changes we have made and make sure we haven’t missed anything from the old system. We should somehow get the current print by-laws for everyone to read and I will give a presentation next week on the progress.

- Vice-President- Lindsay Murdock

Murdock: We were talking in the classroom committee earlier this week about if students would like to be surveyed about their favorite classes at the end of the semester. It would probably be only 10 questions long and perhaps in a pop-up on D2L. They wanted me to do a quick survey of senate to see if you of if you think your constituents would like to do the survey about classrooms. The survey would be about classroom size, the seat placement and the technology used.

French- I see possible issues with granting the larger lecture halls like Gaines and Roberts, they are used by everybody. But with smaller classrooms I can see that being harder to figure out across the different majors because I know engineering students expect things to be a lot different in the classroom than other majors.

Murdock: Yes, I understand that. This would be a very general survey. All I am asking now is if you guys would like to see this survey done.

Haskell- How about a survey on professors?

Murdock: That is called an evaluation and that is done in every class at the end of a semester. Survey yes? Please raise your hands. The other thing I would like to talk about is an event, The White House Project. This will be on October 20th. It is for female leaders on campus and in the community. I encourage all of you to attend, invite anyone you think would benefit from the experience. This isn’t just limited to women. I need a student representative for the athletic committee and the tree committee. If anyone is interested let me know.

Senator: What is the tree committee?

Abbey- We have an arborist on campus who is very passionate about trees and wants input on the trees. You help decided what happens to the trees in certain circumstances that may arise.

- Business Manager- Lauren Jackson

I serve on the finance board and I answer any question about the budget that you might have. I don’t have any of the budget stuff on me right now but do you have any questions in regards to how any of that works?

Senator: So you will report to us when you have the information?
Yes, we will have finance board at least once a month if not every week. You will be more informed about what we are doing when I present at the meetings. You can ask me about anything that has to do with budget.

- Senate President- Jenny Lawson

Lawson: Read the by-laws and constitution, it’s not that hard. You are elected by the students and represent them. On October 29th the senators have been invited to the city meeting which will be held here. This is a really cool opportunity and I suggest that you all attend.

Thuringer: What time is it at?

Lawson: I am not sure yet. Please get your office hours into me by Sunday night. By Monday morning you will have cubbies with your names.

We have your pics and bios on file but to clarify, if you are ok with the picture from your campaign that is what we will use. Next week we will have executive elections as the very first item of new business. All of you are eligible to run for executive positions because you are all now officially senators. Talk around and see who is planning to run. We have delayed it a week so you can more informed decision. Any exiting senators, please turn in your binders. Those who haven’t gotten theirs please come get them also talk to me about signing up for committees.

- Senate Vice President- Dillon Haskell

I don’t think we have had a situation like this where both the Vice-President and President are leaving at once. We normally have a fall set of senators and a spring set of senators. Most times one has stayed for the next one. Perhaps you should think about dividing up the elections. My position is the chair of the finance board and we will not meet tonight. This is a really great opportunity and these are some of the most important positions on campus, most others don’t realize how much we do. You have an entire year here, get familiar right away and get some ground work done. Seeing things change is very powerful.

Senate Reports:

Duker: The non-discrimination resolution passed at UM last night. There is a strong possibility of a conversation with the Board of Regents about it.

Announcements:

Rogala: Thank you ASMSU!!

Bernard: It is going to be an interesting experience. Engage yourselves in what you are most passionate about, you would be surprised what you can get done. You can do anything and this opens up doors.

Feder: I just want to say thank you for appointing me and I hope you all enjoy your time here.
Lake: I recognize Matt Caires.

Caires: There have been a number of suspicious small fires being started around the city of Bozeman recently and there is a reward for knowing info about them.

Lake: Chad will talk to us next senate meeting about the piece of legislation dealing with the Nation Defense Authorization Act. He is putting together the beginning statements of a petition. I recommend you guys look into this beforehand.

Thuringer: Do the people who are elected to our executive positions need to have served on the ASMSU senate for any amount of time before they are elected?

Haskell: You can run for an executive position if you are an ASMSU senator, it doesn’t matter how long you have been here.

Thuringer: Is this something that we will consider changing?

Townshend: Yes, I think it makes a lot of sense to consider changing that.

Thuringer: The reason that I am bringing this up is because even if you served on your student government in high school you don’t know this body of government and this set of rules. I don’t feel comfortable putting our leadership to someone who is new at this.

New Senator: When will receive the new placards?

Jenny Lawson: Hopefully by next week, it depends on shipping.

**Adjourn Meeting:**

Move to adjourn the meeting: French

Seconded by Thuringer

**Meeting adjourned at 7:39pm**