ASMSU Senate Minutes—February 13th, 2014

SUB 235

- Call Meeting to Order at 6:00 pm
- Roll Call
- Review Previous Minutes
  - February 6th, 2014

Kirby: Move to Approve.

Dale: Seconded.

Minutes Passed.

Move into Public Comment.

Mark Frisbee: GM of MSU bookstore. Looking for board of directors. Recognize and thank members of senate that helped make the resolution. Reminder we are asking for support in digital textbook initiative, electronic books will be an inclusive fee with the course.

Move into Questions.

Oak: Do you have the times for committee meetings?

Frisbee: Board of directors meet next Tuesday but elections are not until next month.

Cowles: Engineers met with dean of engineering, we talked about terms of going about this, concerns about one single publisher will fix prices if they are the only provider of this material, have you explored the idea of having texts available to encourage competition and keep available to students?

Frisbee: Anyone meeting our requirement will be invited in.

Mains: Will this data come back to us? Can you come back and give us feedback about how it goes in the trial period?

Frisbee: Of course, I would love to.

End of Questions.

ARTS AND EXHIBITS

Hannah Safford: Exit gallery, huge part of MSU. Mission statement, education, art education, culture experiences, visual arts interactions. The people working, 5 gallery associates, 1 associate director, 1 arts and exhibits director. I go to a conference every year and meet with people from all cities in Montana and see their
galleries. Talk about displayed and will be displayed art. Using Youtube in a gallery or new rising things. High tech place on campus; had a lot of renovations. After every show we have repair to do, low maintenance. Events, more events than any program, 24 events including film series artist talks. 50 artists involved, made 8000. We contribute 300 to that event. Receptions exhibits, upheaval. New events and programming done this year artist exchange, art21 film series they are free and shown free by PBS, and juried show involved 45 students. Make about 950 or more a year, submissions of applications and sales that are 15% commissions. Goals for this year was to do exchange shows, establish space and renovations and create new programming like art21 series. Assistant director has helped make all this happen. We have mistakes happen such as misprints and ass directors help make all this happen. Its 1300 more to create this position, they make it all work and they help make it all happen.

Questions.

Cristando: Difference in your slides than what you presented for finance board.

Hannah: We have had an associate director all year I worked that into the budget last year.

Cristando: If you have an associate director why are you asking for more money for the same position?

Hannah: We did not cut out enough money last year; we got by on luck.

Riley: She is by the people for the people and I want to say thank you.

Cowles: About the art exchange program, so we pay both ways to send and to receive, that doesn't make financial sense to me?

Hannah: With UM they run through their SUB so they don't have the freedom that we have here, they don't have control of their budget whereas I get to handcraft my budget, UM is willing to bring in some money to help with that.

Cowles: The increase in labor cost because current students lost work-study? Can you still get a work-study person instead of using the same people and have cheaper labor?

Hannah: It is very hard to hire new people, it is a long process and takes a week at best when someone loses their work-study, and it is not very reliable. Work-study people are not always art majors or care about the program.

Rowe: Thank you, just to clarify, the person that lost work study still kept their job and also how long do exhibits last in the gallery?

Hannah: Yes they did, we try to get in as many shows as possible, sometimes it’ll be longer or shorter but usually two weeks is the length.
Rowe: How many will there be this year?

Hannah: We try to make it flexible and we have ... this year planned.

Nesbitt: Will you go over qualities that would be important to associate director position?

Hannah: They are the detail person, I go through many things I have to do and sometimes I lose things or miss out on details, it is a 16-hour a week position. From 10-5 we are open every day. I am the people person, and make sure things are trained. She makes sure the right dates and times get on the posters and she knows how to make every thing roll smoothly.

End of Questions.

Green: Stiles said he could not make it because he is out of state and would email Oak.

Oak: I received no email.

EXPONENT

Nicole Dougan: It is a dollar program, to serve the students, we inform them. We put out the paper on Wednesday nights and Thursday mornings. I started working at exponent as a freshman, I was made managing editor last year and now editor in chief. Exponent was an ASMSU program but it is now a dollar program. We get money off of issues, made of a governing board. We have independent status but are still integrated in the campus. The main thing is the memorandum and understanding of ASMSU’s relationship with the exponent, there was no solidified agreement that if we have a deficit, ASMSU bails us out. We do not see that happening readily, it would take something very major for us to come to this body and we would pay it back. We have a reserve account; we could cut on wages and cut on issues. Memorandum and understanding of our relations, we are following procedure and I want this passed this year. I will be around for questions. This year has been a tricky year we have been plagued by tech issues, and people turn over. It is a huge staff to manage and put out a weekly issue. Last semester we put out a combined issue with UM. It is a fun way to get things out to people. Our revenue has not been where we want it to be, but we have been working towards getting it there. We allocate members to go to conferences, but we could not do it this year. Next year an issue is turnover. We will be losing a lot of leadership roles so this semester will be a lot of training. Next years editor in chief will be hired in March. That person will create their team and get things rolling for next year.

Move into Questions.

Cristando: To cut cost have you thought about less editions and maybe electronic issues?
Nicole: We are moving towards the electronic side, and working out the issues to get immediate response to. For now we like the print.

Cowles: This will be looked at by publication board next week and then through senate, budget deficit will be covered from reserve then by reserve fund and will have to be paid back in the reserve fund. It is a safety net and we will have it on paper. That will be done before the end of this year. Nicole and the team has been doing a great job.

End of Questions.

Move into Unfinished Business.

Oak: Lacey Chapman, she was called into work and trying to get Thursdays free so her appointment might be next Thursday. We meet on Monday in the office.

Resolution 2014-R-03

Digital Textbooks Initiative.

Rowe: Move to Approve.

Schaff: Seconded.

Cowles: We are missing the side numbers.

Kirby: Propose amendment to add David Nickerbocker with Dave Nick, and add Angela McLean chair Montana University System Board of Regents.

Mains: Seconded.

Rowe: I amend the amendment to add numbers in left hand column.

Kirby: Seconded.

Placard Vote.

16-0-0

Amendment passes.

Placard vote of amendment.

16-0-0

Rowe: Mark really said it all; I think it is worth it.

Cowles: I am concerned with the 3rd whereas from the bottom, if one of the authors would elaborate?

Rowe: The social cost is basically all things that go into the bookstore and customer, how final product happens. When you buy book, sometimes there is increments of
challenge such as not having it in stock or people going to other places to get the books.

Cowles: It could have been written better, also, the deans counsel was approached by Mark Frisbee and they do not agree how he is going about it, administration does not agree with it entirely.

Mains: I have concerns with this, that classes with hard copies will be full and one will be forced to take the electronic class. I do not know how I feel about it, there is a lot on both sides so think about it when you vote.

Schaff: Recognize Erwin.

Green: Seems like there is controversy and should maybe get it amended, we could table it and look at it for the rest of the week. I motion to table this.

Mains: Seconded.

Discussion.

Rowe: It is a trial period, experimented upon, there is only one line that is a slight discrepancy so let that not hinder us in our process, we could pass it today it has been out for awhile does not need to be tabled. Just because two people do not agree does not mean we should table it.

Cowles: I would like to see more concrete statements about the availability and clarity on the textbooks and how the selection process occurs for the publishers, we need more specificity.

Rowe: We cannot discuss this. We just have to vote.

Placard Vote to table until next Thursday.

7-11-0

Motion fails.

Back into Discussion.

Miller: With this trial period, is it just for a semester or how does this work?

Rowe: It is one semester and he will return back to us with student input after this semester we will receive the room for improvement.

Cristando: Why are we only having a class with an e-book and one without, why can't we have one class with both options?

Rowe: It is a test, so we need a control and see how the class works.

Dale: I think some discussion is a conversation better to be had between active students and advisory committee not what goes into this support. This is not our
show to control, so we need to talk to them and communicate that we should work together. This is merely about support.

Monteith: We are just affirming support because it is a test trial and a beneficial thing to see the university progress and how it will impact us. We have had a while to educate ourselves about this.

Kirby: Next month the bookstore is appointing two students to the board so if you want a say, apply.

Rowe: I move to move to the previous question.

Nesbitt: Seconded.

13-3-1 Cristando abstains.

Motion passes.

Direct vote on resolution as amended.

14-2-2

Resolution passes.

Move to New Business.

Resolution 2014-R-04

Support for Bozeman City Commissions Nondiscriminatory Ordinates.

Senate Conduct and Expectations

Green: After last week, Eric and I sat down and talked about what happened last week. We were in the wrong, we cannot discipline you guys at all but the reason we did it was because it was a rash consequence. I did not realize that he had asked previously, so when Rowe walked out I thought that he was disrespecting us. People were speaking out of order, and we all need to learn Robert's Rules. I read quite a bit of the Robert’s Rules of Order this week and now disciplinary action for a member is up to this body. We have someone from the exponent who can write about this, what we came to is that the body holds the power to discipline someone. We will track the warnings for each member of the body and maybe the second or third time we can motion to discipline them to take their voice or remove them from the body. We need to call point of order, this is the same for Eric as well. It could be a ballet or spoken vote, and it would be chaired by me since he would be the wrong do-er. It takes a majority vote to make this happen. But I don’t want people complaining about Robert’s rules if no one is calling order. We are going to be holding one-on-one meetings.

Oak: Thank you for your patience, apology to Rowe, it was a brash decision. I will be opening up monthly meetings if you can make it. One of the biggest failings thus far
is passing communication along. If you feel there is something we can be doing better come talk to me.

Green: We are opening a discussion on this for ten minutes.

Mains: In our bylaws isn’t it required to have those one on ones with president every month?

Green: I believe so.

Mains: This happens every term, and it always gets turned down. When you punish one member you discipline the entire body so I feel like there is a better way to discipline rather than doing it to the whole college. Keep that in mind cause we don’t want to hurt student body for what we do.

Rowe: I accept the apology, I’m sorry it was a necessity when I left.

Cowles: I echo what Mains says, I think it is a waste of time, then you silence an entire third of their college constituency, we should not be spending time on this issue.

Dale: The way we act, as a body is how we should be acting as a mature individual, if leadership is not going to give respect then we won’t give respect that you need. Taking away a right to speak or right to vote, Robert’s rules are to protect our voice and vote.

Nesbitt: Elaborate on what dale said, Robert’s rules are meant to have things take place tactfully and politely, to add an additional reprimand to us not using the rules right. To discipline for that is to take away something useful.

Schaff: We are only an hour into this meeting and we have already covered so much. We are passionate about what we are doing so if we keep side conversation away and things can go smoother. These disciplines are only being used because they are a symbol that you need to hold yourself accountable and in check. We need to bring this up in a clean and polite manner.

Green: I want to add that I agree with all of you guys, I do not want this to happen.

Cowles: Didn’t you bring it up?

Green: I brought it up so that this does not have to happen, we have to act tactfully and if we do not follow Robert’s rules then something needs to happen. I do not want to see our people lose their voice but if someone is lacking respective many times then maybe they should not be representing the students.

Cristando: Rowe was saying something about building an ice cream thing with Robert’s rules, should we implement that into the turnover so that everyone understands it coming into office?
Dale: I do not think that our problem is with Robert's rules, I do not think that is the main problem, I think that people are acting childish and throwing temper tantrums. If we remember we are here to represent the students, what we do reflects on ourselves and the university. We have to act like adults. We need to work on our attitudes.

Riley: I do not know Robert’s rules, and I didn’t know that I needed to so I think that ice cream thing could be beneficial.

End of Questions.

Oak: All very good points and I will consider them.

ADMIN REPORTS

Smith: I will leave it to Erica to touch on what I was going to.

Dunn: I have been in these seats, it is a tough job and I understand the frustrations. These groups are hard, strong personalities, I love all of you, but we need to go in a direction. My advice is to have more personal conversations. If you have a problem with something, voice it to the person the issue is coming from. Do not be afraid to bring these issues up. Go to the leadership and talk to them about the issues you are having with them. We will benefit form it. Learn your Robert’s Rules it is time for that. It has been at least many months that you have been appointed this year, and for those of you who have been here longer, no reason to not know them. They passed resolution that Matt has been working on for a long time, Smith does have some different views, I sound pro, Lukas will sound con. The board of regents is only required to look at our spending on a biannual. The fees we are trying to put through are on a one-year cycle, so this is the question. ASMSU just passed to look at the fees annually. Come see me if you want to talk about this. The hope for mass is that every student body will pass one, go talk to Lukas if you want to know why it is not good. Next, Memorandum of Understanding. I should have had some comments coming back to senate president because we have reached a point where I have gotten no feedback. I can see that when this hits the senate floor, somebody is going to complain or make changes, you can do that now. Now is a better time for feedback. We also went on and talked about an advisory counsel for MSU, we have a daft out about what it looks like it is very early in its stages. If you have any feedback take it to John Green.

Cowles: Who would be on that board?

Dunn: They are taking it from nothing and trying to build it up, so it is very rough and there are only suggestions for right now.

Cowles: Purpose of the board?

Dunn: Advisory to students to help with decisions. It is a built in Phyllis; they will answers any questions about ASMSU. We might not have Phyllis forever so it would
be nice to have a board of advisors. You go to them with issues, they do not take over decisions.

Green: It changes, and if anyone has opinions come talk to be. We really want it to be an unbiased resource, we do not want it someone to impede on what we are doing in this body, decisions are up to this body, and they are just someone to talk to, to answer questions.

Rowe: I am also a resource; go to your leadership to talk about this.

Cristando: Does this work into conjunction with MOU?

Dunn: It started with MOU and grew form there and we realized we have great resources and so we could put this great group of people and make it into this board.

Nguyen: Is it all off campus or some on campus?

Dunn: He or she is involved with our staff now so they would sit on it, room for recommendations. I am going to follow up with Marley, and send him the draft then we will bring it to you guys. Matt is going to be working on Ord chart ideas, to better rep our organization. Also Eric is going to be bringing us what we have as a judicial branch to get things up and running. Phyllis is working on an MOU, about reserve.

Cowles: Do we have the dean of students making an Ord chart for us or?

Dunn: No he is collecting a bunch to use as comparisons and review how it fits into the VPSS. We do not want to be reporting to one person. A week from today is Brandi's last day, it will be awesome for her, things are transitioning well, and we are posting that job position.

Cristando: Is there an implication to give bonuses out to those of you who have been taking over her job?

Dunn: I do not know what HR says about that, we will be paying Brandi a little bit to come back and train people on nights and weekends. It would be a nice gesture to look at the hours and tasks that they are taking on for going above and beyond. The budget we have it at zero, it is balanced, we have some things to change and look at. We will have that finalized next Wednesday. We were able to balance budget without cutting a ton of programming, I think we are doing our directors right with what we are doing.

Mains: We met with spirit and she had a lot of concerns, the issue was with the phone.

Dunn: We put all the phones back in from money pulled from programming. We appreciate programming and what they do but when it comes down to it so we have to cut some things.
Mains: If something is being cut from programming and are willing to cut other things, can they do that?

Dunn: If finance board is not in parallel with it, go to liaisons. We also will have the second budget prepared after student vote to get it into board of regents.

Mains: Is there anyway to get that vote onto this primary vote?

Dunn: No. To remind you, leave campaigning out of the office, it needs to be a neutral place. Student regent apps open until Feb 17th, we want a strong pool so come talk to us. Speaking of, how is your rose selling going Rowe?

Rowe: Rose selling is 110% over goal.

Oak: Love without borders is next door and it sounds like it is over. MOU business manager sent that out, John will be handling constitution, I have applicants to present to task force very shortly. Counsels, if you are not running for senate again raise your hands; the election counsel needs two people that are not involved in senate races in the future. Election liaisons cannot be involved. In bylaws there is a subsection that primaries have to happen two weeks before the vote, if you think we should have it as one week come talk to me. The office table is getting dirty and abused so let’s respect the space. Exponent, are wrote article about outdoor rec. We need this fee, we voted on it so campaign it. Ryan did an incredible amount of research about students needing it. Laser tag was a huge event, I will forward out the email; it will be a great thing in the future.

Green: I do want to hear feedback about advisory counsel; I want to know opinions. On that note, lets talk about more resolutions in the office, when it comes to some of them there could be conversation going on previous to meeting. In two weeks, I will be representing ASMSU for the barn so give me comments.

Oak: About abstentions, there were two for the resolutions passed today.

SENATE REPORTS

Mains: One thing I notice, I love hearing you talk but I also want to hear what your constituents say. That is what we are here for. Social media helps a lot. Also if Janet is stressed out, go talk to her. Spirit budget stuff, and finance board members, talking to Laura about photographer getting cut.

Dunn: The photographer was put back in.

Mains: If you have any comments about anti-discriminatory come talk to me about your opinions. Also, I want to know opinions, I want to put together a senate PR Facebook page where we can post senate reports. Facebook is another way to get it out there, we can post events and get connected.

Rowe: With American Indian counsel, they began drafting a new constitution, if you enjoy making a constitution get at me, also they just finalized a pow-wow budget, it
is the best funded pow-wow, they have a program called wings for middle school presentations. If you want to attend one, we can go. About IT counsel, the customer relationship tool, helps to track students through champ change and see what events are being attended and how to interpret. We are prioritizing tasks, whether electronic overflow or CRN have priority. Sync for efficiency. Constitutional audit committee is back up and kicking.

Cristando: Director of sports center, he wants feedback.

Nesbitt: We got five teams signed up for ASMSU world cup. Championship is in Shroyer gym.

Cowles: We met and are getting somewhere, going to start getting surveys going out to get assessment for space needs on campus, want a proposal to get to the president to get them on board before the end of may. PR task force, will be sending out a duel poll, if you want to show up to educate student community for outdoor rec.

Monteith: Yesterday I went to solving conflict, it was great and also Diane.. is coming and we should institute that. Echoing on the non-discriminatory come talk to me. Search committee for fitness director, start evaluating applicants at the end of month. Also presented in classes to increase amount of applicants.

Schaff: Downstairs, John Floridis is down there they had great turn outs and a lot of students went. Also tonight going on is a student alumni association is having a movie night for those who are not celebrating Valentines Day at alumni building. There is also the stereotype and nondiscriminatory event happening next week.

Nguyen: Engineering student counsel, we are meeting Tuesday at 6. I need help with the structure with what letters and science and nursing student counsel has so we can write the bylaws.

Miller: I met with dean Cornwell about coffee bar idea, but the coffee bar will be put into miller dining hall only available to in hall residents. We need help with blueprints.

**Senate Announcements**

Mains: Pre law club, Feb 27th Matt Kyrus is coming to talk to the club about law and higher education, about laws. You can ask him anything. Snack lunch seminar April 9th 12-1, about sexual assaults. Not in our house just joined and we have already completed the tasks we need to complete and so ASMSU needs to set up events and get requirements done.

Rowe: I am in firm opposition of the anti-discriminatory, come talk to me. I am joining the world cup. Outdoor rec fee, is launching gorilla marketing campaign talk to me about getting on board. Also, we are selling flowers they are in the office, for a warriors in quiet waters charity. Also, I will use bathroom before meetings.
Cowles: Nondiscriminatory you can talk to me as well.

Monteith: We are putting on a triathlon this year, and got approved to use bobcat. We want it to be similar to the Griz one in Missoula.

Schaff: Since we do not have another die hard movie, we could go to the Lego movie tomorrow for fun, bozo always hold for a walk a thon for MS and I want to start a team for it.

Polukoff: The Gallatin ... is holding the queen and king of the ridge; you see how many times you can hike the ridge in five hours in Bridger.

Dale: I was just in Orlando for Ag management, we competed in three events one student got third in north America, MSU brought home a third place team award for first time in 8 years SRM has a student board. We travel a lot.

Erwin: Motion to adjourn.

Green: Seconded.

Meeting adjourns at 7:58 pm.