ASMSU Senate Minutes – October 10th, 2013
SUB 235

- Call Meeting to Order at 6:00 pm
- Roll Call
- Review Previous Minutes
  - September 19th, 2013
    Marshall: Move to approve.
    Seconded by Thuringer.
    Minutes accepted.
  - October 3rd, 2013
    Thuringer: Move to approve.
    Seconded by Macy.
    Minutes accepted.

- Public Comment
  Brandon Marsh: I’m a senior and I play rugby. Drafted resolution with help of Rowe to create committee to sports facility/sports clubs. Recreate inside during extreme weather. Resolution to create committee to see if students want that here on campus.
  Sarah Gilkerson: Issues with the college of business building. Recently became aware of changes. Decided to scrap solar panels and energy usage from panels. Scrap sustainable heating methods from original plan. Running out of money, architecture plans being made last minute. Keeping aesthetic stuff. Want to see if be resolved. Senate gave OK on building, gold standard for sustainability, where they want the university to go.
  Oak: Could we have your contact info?
  Gilkerson: Yes. There are a few things I’d like to see done. To work on a few things relating to this. Talk about legislation and procedures implemented and unified reaction to change going unnoticed, important for people to be aware of.
  Sheila Bonnard: Research instruction librarian. Liaison to departments, ASMSU, come to initial meeting, remind everyone I’m here, what I do, introduce myself to new senators. Questions, issues, concerns, shoot me an email. I try to drop in on these meetings.
  Townshend: Big round of applause for Sheila she does so much for us.

- Presentations
  - Gallatin College Mill Levy
Bob Hietala & Nicole Berg

Hietala: I’m the Dean Gallatin College, thanks for giving us some time. Interesting project. Countywide mill levee to provide funding to 2-year college. How many registered voters in county? Walk through presentation for community members. Plans what we do, how the mill levee fits into that. Nicole will hand out this one-pager, talks about levee and what it means. Quick overview. Vision, strategic plan. Comprehensive two-year education mission much like a community college mission. 1: Workforce development (applied programs) 2. Transfer education (AA/AS) 3. Dual enrollment (with local high schools, allow students to earn college credit) 4. Developmental education (teach for Gallatin College students and MSU students). Important thing is Gallatin College has a local focus. That’s what the two-year mission is about. Key attributes: open access admission, affordable, student-centered, adult focused & accessible learning, responsive to local needs (business), cultivation of partnerships. 20% of our students are traditional aged students. Families, work in community, etc. work very closely with the business across our community to develop programs they need. Want them to enter a workforce program if there are jobs in the community. Now Nicole will talk. She’s our academic advisor, admissions, advising, graduation, does it all!

Berg: Our general student population is a little different than what you guys witness on a day-to-day basis. Most of our classes filled with students who are 20s, 30s, and 40s. Have to work from 8-5 every day for the most part. Full-time working students. Evening classes fit them better. Majority of them have children, many are first time students. Many come to us with no support or idea of what they are doing. Work with them to figure out the college process. Greater need for financial aid. Most fully eligible for Pell grants and student loans. Really high financial need. We do have students coming directly from high school who are underprepared for college. Some take all developmental courses. Snapshot of our student population. Three two-year degrees. Aviation (pretty popular degree), design drafting (generally go into business of designing homes and buildings, lots of grads for Department of Defense right now), interior design (walls and ceilings in, learn about structure and design and aesthetics and safety), associates of arts & science (covers all of core, 30 credits of electives, can be used to transfer to MSU, or want degree to work and have a leg up, some students who come to MSU will do this so they can walk out with something rather than just having some courses). One year certificate programs: medical assistant (shots, take blood, lab samples, etc.) medical coding (behind the scenes, every procedure and diagnosis coded properly), bookkeeping, welding (super popular, some sections open to MSU students, ag & engineering students often take these).

Hietala: In approval process: CNC machining (local manufacturers have asked for that, we have grant funding to start next fall), business management certificate. Strategic plan: talk to industry and ask what they need, identified 26 programs of high need (healthcare, hospitality, IT and manufacturing high need), want to bring in two new programs a year to get to 30-40 programs. Get to point of 100-200 students transferring to 4-year universities each year. Dual enrollment, keep building those courses. 10-12 of those. Like kids to be able to come in with up to 15 credits. Developmental education-faculty very dedicated to working on new models to maximize success for those students. 1068 students this fall. In next 6 years projecting to see 1600. Degree-seeking students have grown a lot. MSU received approval to do 2-year education through Gallatin College. Also, city of Bozeman stepped in and funded Gallatin
College directly, $124,000 a year, 1.5 mill in the city to do new program development, kick-start the college. What helped us take off? Projected up to over 700 degree seeking students down the road. Hamilton, 6 classrooms in the high school, lease space in the community, continue to be nimble and creative to use space, will need to address facility need at some point down the road. Levee proposed? 1.5mills, $369,000 in annual funding. City will back off their funding when this happens. Help build county’s skilled workforce that is required by economic and population growth. Fastest growing part of state for last 15 years. When we were approved to do 2-year education, put caveat on approval. You have to get an equitable local mill levee. The 5 university system 2-year colleges affiliated with university. Missoula, Silverbow, Lewis & Clark, Yellowstone, Cascade counties. Each has 1.5 mill levee. Each person pays 1.5 mills on property taxes, been that way since late 60s. $369,000 smaller percentage of our budget down the road. Generally half of funding from the state and tuition make up 40-50%. It’s Gallatin County’s ante to say we want this here. Use money? Create additional programs (culinary arts, for example), support additional dual enrollment courses for local HS students, parents and students excited to have more of these opportunities. Fund and provide us with leverage to get state funding to serve hundreds of more Gallatin county students. For every $100,000 in assessed property value, pay $2.08 a year. $200,000, $4.15 annually. We’re not interested in going for more, matching what other counties have. This is what it takes to say to the state we’re serious about two-year education. Mailed ballots: most of you will get them 21st of the month. City commission, mayor, and this ballot issue. Fill it out and return it, postage is paid. With that, I’ll answer any questions.

Rowe: You spoke of business management program. How many years it would take, certificate or degree?

Hietala: 20 credits, it’s a certificate, designed for the working business leader to learn HR, financial management, advertising, social media, etc.

Murdock: Remind everyone that currently we as a body represent students of the Gallatin College. Not to sway vote but that we do seek to serve these students. Should this get passed, are we as a body fit to serve these students or should they create their own associated students? Definitely seeing much different issues as students and sometimes represents different needs than nontraditional students. Thank you for coming and share this.

Kostelnik: Countywide area schools with dual credit, planning an online element with that? Commuting can be tough. Plans for that? Outrageous idea-what if it doesn’t pass? What does it mean for the future?

Hietala: There are some dual enrollment opportunities out there for students already who want to do distance learning, digital academy. Can take a Great Falls College class. Reality: not a lot of students want to sit in HS and do online, want to get tested, talk, learn, and engage in college material from faculty. We’re extending ourselves, going to W Yellowstone to see if we can engage students there. How can we make that work long term? Reaching to Park County too. Doesn’t pass, growth curve will not be what I showed you. City of Bozeman gave us money, supported us for three years, we can’t go back to that, wouldn’t be right, county has to come through.
French: Thank you for coming. I have a brother who attends FVCC, another one with online classes. Many friends taken classes from Gallatin College, continued to MSU. Appreciate the intentions. I find it disturbing to me. Campaigning to mill levee to group of people who don’t own property in this county, won’t cost us anything. I just want to express my frustration. I appreciate your efforts, your concern.

Townshend: More to educate.

Hietala: Doing over 40 community presentations. Senior citizen group over lunch pay property taxes. Not everyone understands how mill levees works. Bringing that up. Important to realize that. Folks in this room, important to educate on this issue.

Kirby: Within dual enrollment, what courses offered, do these students plan to attend MSU or do they tend to go on to other universities?

Berg: Past three years: writing, math, and accounting. Started with those three. Just a few students in each of those the first year, this year about 60 this semester in the writing class. Next semester, math and accounting. The courses are general so they can transfer to MSU easily, on MSU transcript. Lots of students are unsure of their college path and this is a way to help them realize they can do a college class, get to take that college class, same stuff as Math 145. Helps realize that college is a doable thing for them. A few have come to Gallatin College, lots to MSU, some transferred elsewhere. No exact statistics.

Oak: We represent you and you don’t pay the activity fee.

Berg: Students can opt into it.

Oak: Many of students work full time, have children. Utilize daycare, streamline?

Berg: Streamline yes, daycare not as much. Need it most in evenings. A couple that do but not many.

Oak: While I appreciate Senator French’s passion, remind this body that part of its primary duty is education. We’re here to learn, nothing wrong with learning about this. I work for the news and didn’t know this, now I do! While I don’t own property, I do have a voice and I like to use it.

Hietala: I’ve learned through this process that it’s difficult to educate people through multiple channels. Do our best, cover as much as possible! Please share info! Get to vote on this however they want, but we need to educate people, so they can understand this issue!

Berg: Questions, we have more handouts, come to us in Hamilton, follow-up questions, please send them our way.

- Montana Associated Students Budget
  - President Murdock
- Unfinished Business
  - Funding Board Approval
    - At-Large Student
Townshend: We tabled this, not sure of applicant’s availability. President Murdock got confirmation from individual, interested in funding board. Same application.

Thuringer: Remove from table funding board appointment approval.

Rowe: Able to fulfill all of the duties?

Murdock: Talked to her on Friday, discussed differences, ask if she could attend meetings. She’s very excited and fortunate to be provided this opportunity.

Vote: 10/0/0.

Townshend: Will now allow opportunity for outgoing senate to make some reports, announcements, and famous last words.

Dove: I’ll keep this short and sweet. You guys are elected to be the link between students and faculty and vice versa. Treat them with respect always no matter what, chances are it applies to some of your constituents. Disrespectful, senate loses its value to them. Build strong senate, need to be respectful, well spoken, research what you have to say, keep an open mind, do the right thing for your constituents.

Goldstein: Said it well. Enthusiasm: stay passionate about what you’re doing, here for your constituents, can make a difference, seize that opportunity, ask people how you can help. I love you all, sorry to see this time go, I’ve gotta move on. Wish you all the best in your future with ASMSU.

Lamm: Outgoing senate: I’ve had the most amazing time, learned so much, thanks for mentorship. Extend invitation to new senate, please use me as a resource, mentor, etc. I love what I do, sad to give up my seat tonight, complaining all day. Three big points: ad-hoc called AAC. New senator, like to go to first meeting with you, help extend and create relationship with people there. Last spring I did a dead week survey project, can’t continue momentum, have someone passionate about student stress levels, reached out to faculty senate, potentially communicating more with faculty, understand too much stress. Interested, let me know, love to continue project. Engineering senators, like to introduce you to college of engineering staff. Have a meeting with you, pass on knowledge I’ve gained. Since you’re all brand new.

- **New Business**
  - **Installation of Senate**

Townshend: First item new business, installation of our new senate. All senators-elect and returning senators please come to front of the room.

Murdock: Everyone please put your stuff down. Bring it in, everyone needs to touch this paper, hope you put on deodorant. Right hand up, left hand of paper.

Installation of new senate.

Townshend: Nice to see a full table. Begin with roll call.
Appointment of Senate Leadership

Townshend: First item of new business, appoint new leadership. No longer senator, but I will officiate senate president. Open floor to nominations.


Schaff: Nominate Oak: Accept.

Mains: Nominate Kirby. Decline.

Townshend: Process. Each candidate comes in, 2 min opening statement, series of questions, one minute to close. Come up with questions now. Usually 4 or 5, could be more or less. Make sure each candidate gets exact same question from same person, keep consistent. Read past questions. What would goals/improvements be? Believe this position entails, time to devote? Previous knowledge of senate bylaws, parlipro applicable? Role model, provide assistance? Involved on MSU campus besides senate?

Rowe: Experience within ASMSU and Robert’s Rules of Order is very important and I’d like to see the senate president demonstrate adequate knowledge of that. Why is the motion to postpone indefinite instead of dilatory?

Mains: If they know it, they know it. Don’t need definitive questions straight from rulebook, irrelevant.

Marshall: Much better suited if asked experience with parlipro, used it in other bodies rather than so specific.

Murdock: Maybe helpful for newer senators to show what senate president does outside of body other than just running meetings.

Townshend: Questions about duties of senate president not answered earlier in the orientation? This person is on the constitution audit committee, admin, manages senate, monthly meetings with all senators, communication with all presenters, running meetings/most things senate does, handles legislation.

Mains: Since they’re from the same college, what makes them different from each other? Example: What makes you different from the other candidate?

Cristando: What can you bring to the table more than the other candidate?

Marshall: What differentiates you from your opponent?

Green: Move to accept all questions previously read.

Townshend: Stick on discussion of this, come back to that.

Marshall’s question passes.
Green: Move to accept all previously asked questions from President Townshend plus that one.


Townshend: All questions pass. Need to assign questions to senators.

Green: What would your goals and improvements be if you were to receive the senate president position?

Mains: What do you believe this position entails, and how much time do you have to devote to senate president?

Dale: What previous knowledge or experience do you have of the bylaws and parliamentary procedure that would be applicable to your position as senate president?

Macy: How do you think you would be able to act as a role model and provide assistance to senators?

Polukoff: How are you involved on MSU campus besides as a senator?

Townshend: What order do we want these in?

Dale: Like to see Marshall’s at the end.

Townshend: Call first candidate in.

Thuringer: For those who don’t know me, arts & architecture, third term ASMSU, appointed spring freshman year, here I am. Last year senator of the year, lots of experience with ASMSU. Michael told you you don’t need experience in this position, only a benefit to you. Know lots of people to connect you with. How I want to help you. Supportive role to senators, want to help you get comfortable, especially new senators. I wasn’t confident, didn’t know what was going on. Want to help that be quicker for you, get comfortable, familiar, start doing what you want to do. Rather help you than be a senator, ready to start mentoring, help you become familiar.

Green’s question.

Thuringer: My goal is to help you guys get good at being senators, what I see as the primary role of president. Help increase accountability for senators, give tools, make sure you’re going to ad-hoc meetings, program director meetings, doing research. Internal newsletter, perhaps. Once a month, each have a box, going on with programs, ad-hoc, going to meetings, something to put in that box, calendar of what’s going on.

Mains’ question.

Thuringer: Support all of you, help you do your job, organize meetings, and attend executive council, your voice when senate cannot be there. I definitely have the time to do it, planned schedule around this position, schedule for office hours. If I don’t have the time, I make it, I’ll figure it out. Someone who follows through on things. Kind of a perfectionist, definitely spend time necessary to do a good job.
Dale’s question.

Thuringer: Just revised, redid bylaws, very actively involved in meetings, helped edit and review. Parliamentary procedure: been here for three years, I’ve kind of figured it out.

Macy’s question.

Thuringer: Senator of the Year last year, notes in things I’ve done previously you can learn from, want to have monthly meetings of all of you, meetings to be a check-in but also that you’re comfortable, you have all the help you need from me, getting things done.

Polukoff’s question.

Thuringer: Actively involved in NECO, secretary, AGD women’s fraternity mainly involved. And being a student.

Marshall’s question.

Thuringer: I have a bit more experience than Eric, able to work more in depth with ASMSU, get more familiar with the organization, think and handle problems and address problems differently. Try to respect and understand where each of you are coming from, help you develop your positions.

Thuringer: I’m really looking forward to serving you. Role really important, sets tone for senate body, want it to be a positive tone, comfortable here, know what’s going on, form relationships with one another so you can work together, project working on I want to know about it, be a resource and help you in any way necessary.

Oak: Hello and good evening. Eric Oak, running for senate president position. Cara is a very exceptionally talented person; I know it will be in good hands. Passing out sheet with info, answer ideas I have about position. Ask you learn from that; please not turn it into paper airplane. Think about mission statement of ASMSU and why we have a senate. Came to realize that just as you are the voice for your constituents, senate leadership is the voice for all of you. Lots of responsibility, don’t take lightly. Leadership style based off of communication is key. Issue has been at the center of a lot of ASMSU troubles recently. Goals section: highlights that many of our constituents don’t know what ASMSU does, why we exist. Sadly believe we’re resume patters, not the case. Every person in this room is a volunteer.

Green’s question.

Oak: Main goal is education. Like to facilitate that with senate body toward bringing more involvement to student body. ASMSU minute, PSA of senate, ASMSU, get message on radio, reach broader community.

Mains’ question.

Oak: I am the voice for you guys. This goes past simply running a smooth meeting. Realize full potential, give you the resources. Returning senator to help you build on what you can do with this position.
Dale’s question.

Oak: I am a returning senator, sit on bylaws approval process. Intimately familiar with them. Parlipro experience from that with this body, John Stiles offered me private tutoring lessons, geared up and ready.

Macy’s question.

Oak: I believe that you need to be able to listen to what people are trying to say. It is through communication that we really ever build on anything. Come to me with problem, idea. Get to root of that, listen to what trying to accomplish there, at the heart of that. I also believe leadership by example is the best way to do this. Find out why you joined, what you want to accomplish. Other ideas: have monthly meetings with each of you, how you’re getting along in senate, thoughts/beliefs. Switched seating where sitting with person with college, not stuck every single meeting. Nursing sits next to At-Large one day, next to L&S another. Really develop the student voice, diversity!

Polukoff’s question.

Oak: I’m president of pre-law club, very passionate about policy, pretty active in the film program and we’re trying to get the art history guild started up. Love to jump into an organization and see it built from the ground up. Manage time well, passionate about what I do, don’t have a girlfriend, we’re all good.

Marshall’s question.

Oak: I believe that I am an innovator. I see common sense solutions to a lot of problems that are happening on campus. With ASMSU minute idea: program we already have in place, requires very little effort, potentially huge benefit, like to continue to do work like this. Safety: financial literacy class which all clubs are required to take when they get ASMSU money. String of assaults: trying to think about how we can solve this cultural problem. Solution: work with Mandy on a social literacy class all clubs required to take, model of mass information implementing at start of next year. Tacking on section from Smartycats, Voice Center, CPS.

Oak: Cara is fantastic. Passionate, driven. However, with completion of bylaws, MSU has largest enrollment ever, more people, more money, more enthusiasm. Crossroads to do something really awesome. Take big ball of energy, best senate you could possible be. I want to be senate president because I know I could do great things with it. I need this position cause it’s the right thing to do.

Rowe: Personally, favor toward senator Oak. Hand us a resume, sets him apart from the rest. Thuringer was senator of the year. Some passion I don’t want to escape our senate body as we proceed, love to see her continue that as a senator, Eric has a lot of vision for senate president role. Innovator, very creative ideas to approach more outreach to constituency.
Mains: Agree. Work with Eric in pre-law club as VP. Started club from nothing 142 members now, in a year. Outstanding. That doesn’t just happen overnight. Works butt off, knows what he wants, doing it, great leader, do well in position.

Kirby: Further senators Rowe, Mains. Handed out resume which gives us something to hold him accountable to, outreach ideas great. Prior to being a senator, I had little clue what ASMSU senate did, students educated on what we can do, beneficial on outreach.

Marshall: In favor of Thuringer. Known her for a year, very well in last half year. Seen her hold to what she said she’d do. Personable, passionate. Don’t want to lose passion, senate president, passion and energy could be spread to all of us. How cool led by someone that passionate about this organization.

Dale: Both candidates are very dynamic individuals, lots to offer. Who we chose, great changes will be make. Thuringer: Internalized approach might be first step. Better image within ourselves, better portray that to student body. Tact is an important thing.

Polukoff: Speak in favor of Thuringer. Really here to help senate grow and function as efficiently as possible, Oak great ideas that can be implemented well with Thuringer as president.

Townshend: This will be a ballot vote. Dunn will collect votes.

Vote: 10 for Thuringer, 10 for Oak.

Townshend: I will be the tiebreaker and choose senator Thuringer.

Thuringer: Next item of new business. Senate vice president nominations.


Kirby: Nominate Green. Accept.

Cristando: Nominate Barry. Decline.

Rowe: Nominate Oak. Accept.


Thuringer: Those nominated please step out into hallway. Again those running will have two minutes to open, one to close. I would also recommend asking “previous knowledge of bylaws, finance policy applicable to position as senate vice president.”

Blossom: Move to accept previous question for vice president.

Seconded by Schaff.

Rowe: Motion all previous speakers ask questions again.

Mains: Seconded.
Thuringer: Who will ask Green’s question?

Schaff: I can.

Thuringer: Who will ask Dale’s question?

Monteith: I will.

Monteith’s question: What previous knowledge do you have of the bylaws and finance policy that would be applicable to your position as senate vice president?

Thuringer: Who will ask Marshall’s question?

Kuntz: I will.

Marshall: Good evening. Jen Marshall, returning senator. Really excited to be given this opportunity. Love ASMSU, everything it stands for, ability to represent students, give voice, and make difference on campus and in state. Phenomenal to be a part of, appreciative of experience/opportunity.

Schaff’s question.

Marshall: Reform body from the inside out, make sure senators well prepared, every resource available. Improve body as much as I can. Communication between student and faculty/staff senates.

Mains’ question.

Marshall: Often made ASMSU priority, put this before so much else in my life. If I don’t have the time, I make it. Involved in many other activities, ASMSU always come first. Believe it entails being the middleman. Still do duties senator needs to do. Move forward with same ideas elected by.

Monteith’s question.

Marshall: I was also here last year, bylaws adapted, may remember my lovely three page document. So much time talking with Michael and Erica. Best suit our student body, student body government. Financial policy: served on finance board, continue on with that well equipped.

Macy’s question.

Marshall: I was recently told I’m a people person. Like talking to people, getting to know them, pride myself on that. Just to talk, chat about whatever’s on your mind, on your plate. Personality will help me be a role model for the rest of this body. Hopefully not intimidated to talk to me. Door always open for whatever.

Polukoff’s question.

Marshall: Advocate and educator at Voice Center, Tech Ed Club, Advocat, and AGD. ASMSU is always a priority to me.
Kuntz’s question.

Marshall: Not passion, not experience. Everyone passionate, whoever appointed, do a phenomenal job. Maybe the fact that I like to wear really bright colors. Urge you to make the decision you feel best for body and the constituents you represent.

Marshall: Thank you for opportunity, considering me for spot. Extremely passionate, more so every day. Don’t select me, full confidence whoever appointed do a phenomenal job.

Green: College of nursing senator. Great candidate for senate VP because I believe this senate is here to serve the student populous as a strong, unified senate, work together, stick to Robert’s Rules and bylaws. Keep in mind what the student populous wants. I have leadership experience. Stone shop last three years. Lead installer this past year. Every job gets done as efficiently as possible, ran smoothly, employees had their task, knew what they were doing, and I helped train three new employees. Love serving the community, volunteer as 5/6-grade Lions Club football coach. Kids look up to me, look forward working with all of you to help serve student populous, create strong community.

Schaff’s question.

Green: Make sure everyone is communicating, working together on legislation, leave arguing/politics aside and instead communicate, continue outreach, as Oak mentioned earlier. Primary issue with ASMSU, lots of people don’t understand what we do. I had no idea what ASMSU was about until 4 months ago.

Mains’ question.

Green: Leadership, help everyone communicate, work on legislation, voice for the students. Make time to help everyone work on their senate duties, attends meetings, etc. Also disciplinary role if need be. Help run meetings efficiently. Only taking 14 credits, plenty of time. I am punctual and accountable. Don’t like doing jobs unless they are done right.

Monteith’s question.

Green: What I lack in experience in senate position, make up for with ability to learn quickly, commitment, leadership skills.

Macy’s question.

Green: I personally like to lead by example, make sure jobs are done right, everyone is communicating and getting along, work toward our goal to serve student populous.

Polukoff’s question.

Green: Involved with College of Nursing, help with Lions Club, huge organization in our community.

Kuntz’s question.
Green: Bylaws and being in a senate position can be learned. Quick learner. Do jobs right, and well. Leadership skills. Not easily learned. Takes experience, I have done that, grown with the company, worked with people.

Green: All of the candidates are good for the position. Like to thank everyone for consideration. I look forward to working with everyone this year and serving as that voice for the student population this next year.

Dale: I represent the College of Ag. Freshman, Ag Ed. Minor Ag Business. 6-year FFA member, 9-year 4H member, involved in student organizations, community organizations. Who I am, what I do. Want you to respect me, trust me for who I am not what I’ve done. All heard freshman, ears probably turned off immediately. Not what’s important, leadership stretches across organizational boundaries, important. I can walk the walk, talk the talk with the big dogs. Excited to be here, represent College of Ag, students across board.

Schaff’s question.

Dale: Primary goal to support president in every way possible, assist in running organization as much as possible. Increase leadership within organization. Better we represent ourselves, better we do. More trust gained, more effective association.

Mains’ question.

Dale: Dedication to an organization, constituents, taking everyone into consideration. Collegiate Cattlewomen, Plant ID team, AGD, there’s other stuff. Don’t want to bore you all. Make time. 19 credits, getting used to having just a few hours of sleep. Leadership within organization is what I am passionate about.

Monteith’s question.

Dale: I don’t know nearly as much as some of you sitting in this room. But I’m going to work on that, learn all I can. Education is best way to serve organization.

Macy’s question.

Dale: I’m in a small college, significantly underrepresented. New perspective, big changes can be made, sometimes have to start small. Actively involved in leadership for a number of years, primary education major. Same opportunities I’ve had. Mentored by others, pass that on, spread the wealth.

Polukoff’s question:

Dale: Number of clubs within College of Ag, AGD, actively involved as a student. Diverse spread of involvement, affect opinions on issues; see things in different light, broader scope.

Kuntz’s question:
Dale: Nothing sets me above or beyond. Something unique to bring to the table. Born and raised in production agriculture. Unique in today’s society. Leg up. Very sensible, grounded, take relationships seriously. Basis of everything we do, promote those is to promote ourselves. I have a different background and opinions. Also told maybe too opinionated sometimes. That’s also important because if you’re not talking and can’t stand on opinion, what’s the point of it in the first place?

Dale: Thanks for this opportunity. Says a lot, speaks to ASMSU on an incredible level, commend you all for that. Involved in leadership and will continue to be whether I start as senate VP, never serve at all. Won’t hold against anyone, look forward to opportunity.

Oak: Thanks. Now I don’t have to spend time with former Senator Stiles for parlipro lessons. You know me, you know where I stand. This is a position I’m very passionate about because I know the VP has more of an outreach through funding and finance board through clubs. Devote year to that. Feel that student clubs are the lifeblood of this campus. Unrealized, untapped potential. I want ASMSU synonymous with beneficial, relish opportunity to do that.

Schaff’s question.

Oak: Gone over in the past. Highlight the fact that apart from improving safety and knowledge base of what ASMSU is, sustainability is a large issue, begun talks with sustainability center, increase recycling on campus. As soon as Jack is replaced, I feel that we can begin to make relevant leeway toward that goal.

Mains’ question.

Oak: Whereas president responsible for governance of this body, VP works with more of the tone and atmosphere of ASMSU. Look toward Ms. McKay and listened. Implement policy shifts that need to happen.

Monteith’s question.

Oak: Started sitting on funding board and after realized this is so important, not just make this body run efficiently but to make ASMSU and MSU run efficiently.

Macy’s question.

Oak: Lead by example. Always in the ASMSU office. Love to help you with whatever issue is going on, deal with it, and working with PDs, working with department heads. Point you and project in right direction. Only way significant steps taken forward is when collaboration happens. 21 great people here, pull together to do some great stuff.

Polukoff’s question.

Oak: I am a tutor: large base of freshman. Film is a tough program. Gate. 200 go in, 34 come out senior year. Astronomical stress. Lots of mentorship. Through tutoring, learn so much about what the average students things about MSU, how we can improve that. Nurture that kind of culture.
Kuntz’s question.

Oak: Want to do something more than just a title. My history demonstrates that. I know I belong here. Want to keep doing it. That and a winning smile.

Oak: Choose who you think is best for position, who you want to work with this next year. So many awesome people this year. Look forward to being a leader among you no matter what.

Thuringer: Discussion on the candidates?

Schaff: Know oak is especially interested, voiced he wants this position. Didn’t push it when he ran for president. Both agreed actions speak louder than words. Showed that this past week. Contacted me to talk about this, did that with many of you.

Kirby: Speak on behalf of Green. Leadership experience is impeccable. Worked with him as an athlete, on an academic level, can talk to him openly, talk to when you need help, easy to look up to.

Rowe: Senate VP requires a lot of time. As making decision, urge you to factor other extracurricular, not overbearing, dedicate full time commitment to everything VP has to offer.

Macy: Highly impressed with all candidates. Very impressed with Marshall and Dale, Dale’s extracurriculars do frighten me a bit; lot to see her in that position. Marshall: has a passion for ASMSU, so obvious working with her. Truly loves ASMSU and is qualified, finance board experience. My two cents.

Mains: Oak contacted me the first day of school talking about senate leadership, talked last week about both positions, VP fit best, all about clubs, being a club president gives him a different perspective how funding works, work for others as well. Funding board, one of VP’s main duties.

Monteith: Marshall: when I came to social about running, she welcomed me right away, previous experience with finance board. Great candidate, can tell her passion for ASMSU.

Thuringer: Bring in candidates; please remain silent, same process as before. Keep in mind plurality, candidate with most votes wins.

Thuringer: There is a tie between Marshall and Oak. I get to cast a vote and choose Marshall.

- Finance Board Appointments
  - 3 Senators

Thuringer: We will no move into finance board appointments. I’ll have Business Manager Dunn give overview of finance board responsibilities.

Dunn: Finance board works with $1.5mil+ budget. Exciting and tedious process, finance board filter to that. VP, president, and myself draft initial budget. Finance board spent four hours in one meeting working out the details, 4 or 5 of those. More of a time commitment in spring. Feed you dinner. Main job: lowdown from the professionals on these topics. Faculty, university officials. Not in original budget,
can bring supplemental request approve or decline. Every finance board decision has to be overturned by senate with ¾ vote. Typically 6pm.

Thuringer: Nominations?

Rowe: Nominate Cristando. Accept.

Rowe: Nominate Barry. Accept.


Monteith: Nominate Oak. Decline, I think I’ve been through enough tonight.

Thuringer: Minute to describe yourselves.

Mains: Three candidates, don’t we not have to go through that?

Thuringer: Proceed to go through that. Don’t want to do that, make a motion.

Townshend: In past, haven’t required you vote for three people. If you think a candidate is not appropriate for it, don’t have to appoint them to position.

Cristando: Business management, intern with Chesapeake energy, help fund oil pads, multimillion-dollar budgets, plus I come from a ranching background.


Cowles: I was prepared to go into the trenches on this one. Worked out nicely. New to MSU this year. University of Vermont 2 year, econ and finance, now mechanical engineering. UVM student government senate, finance committee, hybrid of funding and finance board. Treasurer of fraternity, assistance finance manager, time off school in car business, serve on advisory committee of family’s company in Spokane. Lots of experience in finance, managing money. Dig into fiscal policies, how things have been done in past, how can be improved in future.

Thuringer: Majority necessary. Vote for up to three candidates. Please don’t vote for same person twice.

19 votes for Cristando, Barry, and Cowles.

Thuringer: Congrats to all three candidates.

- Funding Board Appointments
  - 3 Senators

Thuringer: Now we will appoint three senators to funding board.

Dunn: Funding board-solely student organizations, over 200 on campus, come to us out of fund we get through student fees, doubled last year, lots of money to give away, lots of club members to make
happy. Oak makes a good point. Senators are the lifeblood of university. I can’t tell you how many butt-chewings people got for not being consistent. Someone who can keep a steady mind, stay nonpartisan, have to be able to put aside own beliefs to fund a club if they have good arguments. Great board, some at large, great advisor in Mandy, one of my highest held offices as far as membership in organization, it’s very important.

Mains: Nominate Oak. Decline.

Rowe: Nominate Green. Decline.


Cristando: Nominate Nguyen. Decline.


Cowles: Nominate Polukoff. Decline.


Rowe: Nominate Kirby. Decline.

Mains: Nominate Rowe. Decline.

Polukoff: Can I change my mind and accept?

Thuringer: Yes.

Rowe: Make motion to accept all candidates without voting period.

Seconded by Mains.

Vote: 19/0/0.

Thuringer: Congrats to Dale, Birky, Polukoff, welcome to funding board.

- 2013-R-17 Support for RSO MOU
  - 1st Reading

Thuringer: Will vote on that next week. Read memo of understanding; know what vote on next meeting.

- 2013-R-18
  - 1st Reading

- Admin Reports
  - President – Lindsay Murdock

Murdock: Welcome congrats on one meeting down, under belt, feeling good, ready. First 30 seconds huge thank you to Michael. Done ASMSU a huge service. Senator of year 2 years ago, rewrite bylaws,
joint carrying senate leadership team, wealth of information and support to the organization and lots of us sitting in this room. One more thank you and clap cause I know how much he loves them.

Standing ovation for Michael Townshend.

Murdock: Setup of organization at retreat this weekend. Retreat Saturday 9-3:30 Lindley Park. Senate body interacts with executive, admin committee. Go through a lot of that, work on goal setting, vision, brainstorm projects to work on. Look forward to seeing all of you there, get integrated in organization further this weekend. Also: talk to get around to college student councils. Not historically good at. Improve: outreach, engage with constituents. Those who have active student councils. Set up appointments with me and representatives from elected colleges. Also, get our butt in gear, because colleges need to be having student councils. Interact with deans, provide feedback about specific academic. CLS, Ag I know are good. Work on this to open doors for that liaison relationship. In touch about those next week. Also got a couple things going in order to help you reach out to constituents more. Mondays on the mall, Mondays in the market. High traffic hours, productions guy has music. Looking forward to having more of you there. First couple me and Alex. Hard to get people stoked on organization when no one is there. Critical, imperative to capitalize on opportunities to connect with students. It’s your job. Public servant, outreach to those. Reach out about dates and times for those. Tailgate, which is another opportunity to do same things. Free koozies, Frisbees, nachos. Awesome! It makes organization look good. Endorphins, chest bump, we’re good. Go out there and talk to people, that’s fun! Those who have not heard, not in our house task force, student leaders from all across campus, good opportunity to collaborate together, prevent sexual assault/violence on our campus. Engage senate more and how we as representatives of this campus can take a stance and help push campus one step further to make us safe and more inclusive. Several advocates, educators in the room, more specific stance next week. Talked about last week. Woman here from library, Sheila. Super incredible. Also provide ways to outreach to constituents. Ice cream social with them on Halloween 1-3. Wilcoxson’s donating ice cream, great opportunity to work with students, show support of library. Outreach to constituents. My fave buzz phrase evidently. Reference librarian but other students, too! New senators, Lukas and I did an executive internship. Met with heavy hitters on campus and talk about their goals and our goals are for the year, where we can collaborate. Navigate the system. Goals are really big. Imperative as we set BHAG goals, know the system you’re working in. Looking forward to helping you navigate that system, lay out organizational structures for you. Higher education is very bureaucratic. Advocates for you, come in with other students to get stuff done. Heads up, talk about things, develop goals.

Vice-President – Lukas Smith

Smith: Really tired and sick and hungry and good job at keeping it at 2.5 hours. Couple reports. Homecoming went really well, 1500 burgers/hot dogs. Game: we wished it was a more attended tailgate! Candy, koozies, etc. Pro is killing it. $2700 in sales this year. Last year this month $99. Goal this month $1400 super successful. One cool thing they did, show finale of Breaking Bad for free. Look into other possible free options, things like that. Financial literacy task force looking for some people super stoked on finance, help students understand finances. Students have high default rate on loans, look at that. Also: super stoked on sustainability. Thuringer, Oak, smart buildings initiative. Put it on your radar.
Dr Suess quote. Pretty special. “Sometimes you will never know the value of a moment until it becomes a memory.”

- **Business Manager – Erica Dunn**
  Dunn: So excited, we’re already best friends. Business manager. Started in your seat as senator, last year serve as current VP Marshall excited to transition her, this year as business manager. Finance big part of ASMSU; don’t be afraid to come talk to me about anything in that realm. Liked what Sarah had to say about business, come talk to me. Super into that, come let me know, move forward as a team, always better than an individual. Brandi Higgins, get to know at retreat this weekend. Responsible for memo of RSO funding board. Money person above me. Get to know all other incredible staff here. Really blessed to work with all of you, honored, excited for this year. One tip: Start reading your emails thoroughly, get in habit of that now. At least one from senate president every week with previous weeks’ minutes, agenda. Start drowning if you don’t stay on top of them; look into them, really important. Good job to all off you.

- **Senate President – Cara Thuringer**
  Thuringer: Yield time to Townshend.

  Townshend: Bajillion things I could tell you. Rather give you my contact info. Hope all will get in touch with me, ask questions, still want to be around, contribute in any way possible, quite a bit of knowledge, like to bestow that upon you if you’d like. Thuringer will send my email out. Please get in touch, want to do my best to make your experience as a senator enjoyable. Encourage you all to hit the ground running. Get interested in project, systems, we have here, Exponent hold us accountable, show them we’re willing to work hard and represent constituents well. Exec, admin team worked with me. Good luck to you all.

  Thuringer: Welcome if you’re new welcome back if you’re not. Encourage you to all introduce yourself to constituents. Easy way: ask professors. Get at me with your life problems is my favorite line, feel free to use that. Give you my phone number.

  Dunn: Current people in the know. Don’t try to get everyone’s numbers rapidly. Send that out.

  Thuringer: Save that. Totally overwhelmed right now. I’ve been there, I get it. Ton of resources inside and outside of this room. Use those. Quicker acclimated, better off you’ll be. Stay on top of this, other extracurriculars, homework, etc. big time commitment. Get ready for that, hold you all to that.

  Streamline fundraiser Chive On themed 9pm-close. R bar. Currently in works of planning a new residence hall. F G-west, and C. Know more about residence hall; I serve on board behind all that. Project you want, building committee they will want students. As many of you on that as possible, fund group of people to work with. 9am-3:30. Not going and haven’t told anyone please do so. Send email to senate president email. Mandatory unless you have a prior engagement. Feeding your cat is not one of those. Last thing. Raise placards; please make eye contact with me if you want to speak. I know it can get annoying. Wait for me to look at you and that way you’ll know I know you want to speak.
Townshend: Classic Michael fashion, interject again. Thanks Rose, our secretary, on 20 pages. She was supposed to be done 2 weeks ago; love ASMSU so much she’s sticking with us for another year.

- Senate Vice President – Jen Marshall
Marshall: Big welcome to new senators, returning senators. Thanks so so much for giving me this opportunity. Thankful you see something in me. Like to invite all other candidates to come to me, share ideas presented, great ones thrown out tonight, goes for other senators as well. I do want to express my door is always open. Call me beep me if you wanna reach me. Encourage you to take advantage of outreach opportunities. Tailgate is fun, get out there! Dragging my parents there, great time, fun, play Frisbee, fun stuff. Not in our house task force, talk to me as well. Don’t forget about retreat, going to be a good time!

- Senate Reports
Rowe: IT Council meeting October 23rd, main governing body all IT on all four MSU campuses, contact me during office hours. Give me input, love to hear it! Steering committee, rec facility. Presentation by Brandon Marsh. Come next week to elaborate more on that. Third: support for memo of understanding. Responsible for that. Need a second sponsor. Love to get you on that. Lastly, constitutional audit committee. Due to bylaw restructure last senate session, got swept under table. Revamped, ready to go! Pending approval of constitution we still have.

Mains: I’m on Pure Gold committee. Students think only professors and people who work with professors. You can nominate other students, Michael for example, pass that along to your constituents. Really important thing best committee ever.

Dale: Talked about parent family weekend. Same as Celebrate Ag. Stop by College of Ag, we’ll be out there in full force, notice us, we’re a presence, like to make that known. College of Ag kind of misconceived sometimes.

- Senate Announcements
Thuringer: Announcements have to do with things going on on campus, now time to announce that.

Mains: If anyone doesn’t already know, pre-law club. Awesome, best thing in world, want to get involved, come talk to me, have people come talk to me. Friday an administrator from University of Wyoming law school coming to campus. Talked last year about career in law. Very funny! Always great, go to that. Friday I’ll get back to you with those.

Rowe: Senate president pro-tempore is a real position.

Schaff: This is selfish. Thanks to those who attended testy fest. Super awesome. Tailgate also awesome, dance stupid, no one judges you for it. That’s just the way I dance. 32 below amazing, nonstop for 3 hours, have not heard “The Devil Went Down to Georgia” until you hear them play it.

Erwin: Engineers Without Borders Jubilee. Table there last year. Big fundraising event for the year. Bring it up, discuss.
Murdock: Every year president sponsors from discretionary. Slaying it in terms of ASMSU, getting stuff done. Probably sponsor table this year, be on best behavior, and might come.

Mains: Of age, Haven community resource domestic violence. Big fundraiser 6-9 at the Emerson. Voice center reps, community members, I think you can go even if you’re not of age.

Kuntz: Part of Chi Alpha Kappa new social organization on campus. Run for your life downtown: proceeds support the Help Center. 4pm children’s run. Send the web address. $10 to sign up with promo code.

Dunn: Really easy to send out info like that if you funnel it to senate president, she’ll send it out. Joyous bombardment of happiness all at once.

• Meeting Adjourned at 8:56.
Move to adjourn by Mains.
Seconded Schaff.