Montana State University
Associated Students of MSU Senate
SUB Conference Room 235
October 1st, 2015

Meeting Called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Senate Speaker, Joshua Soares

Minutes recorded by Senate Secretary, Mackenzie Johnson

Roll Call: Campbell, Chapman, Dove, Dufner, Glose, Howell, Jones, Lacy, Leach, Lynn, Marts, Murdoch, O'Keefe, O'Leary, Oswald, Sanders, Soares, Stimac, Windham, Zoltek

Absent: Manley, Miller

Approval of Previous minutes

Howell- move to approve (seconded)

Minutes approved

Public comment – None

Presentations – Tami Brown MSU chief housing officer

I oversee residence life as well as family graduate housing. I recently made the announcement to retire, it is time to see what else is out there. I feel so blessed to have such a positive relationship forged among everyone. Thanks to everyone. This is like having a child and seeing how it is doing. A year ago on November 15th we poured our first concrete and it will be enclosed a year later. It will open fall 2016 thanks to many contractors help. We went into this project with architect interviews to make sure they were open to working with students. There is a tremendous amount of student input. We took a four day three night trip to meet with students, administrators, personnel, etc. to ask what was important to them in residence halls. We knew our need was at least 400 beds. We want 1 RA to 40 students. Our design is ten identical wings and communities of 40 apiece. Our goal will be fully turned over and ready for occupancy on July 1st. There will be a Leed Silver Certification. They said we needed variability in living options. In order for students to grow and develop we felt double rooms were very important. Each living community has eight beds designated to ‘suite’ style living with their own bathroom. The building is designed for two restrooms in each wing which is an incredible ratio. Thinking ahead, we may go to co-ed floors or we don’t worry about their gender and these restrooms will give us that option. Each floor has a quiet lounge. Every wing also has a social lounge. One of our strategies was to have a mock room in the fitness center. Now they could see where we were heading and could voice comment. It gave us great feedback that resulted in changes. The 2016-2017 housing application opened October 1st and over 200 students have already applied and majority was for the new housing unit so the marketing was successful. There are solar panels in the ‘Y’ which helps warm and cool the building. The ‘Y’ formation makes it very intimate living quarters. We decided to only increase parking by 80 spaces in order to promote alternative transportation. We help this by adding secure and covered bike storage. It is four stories high with a solar wall. The building is expansive, if you were to compare it to north and south hedges, it is longer than both. Instead of making it long and daunting we added a walk way to
make it somewhat see through. There is a lot of glass to emphasize natural light and the crooks and jagged edges add emphasis along with different colors. We are making decisions every day that impact this building. We ramped up the wireless and it's the one building where you can sit on the front desk and be covered with wireless. There will be two gas grills out front for BBQ and the outdoor furniture from Gallatin hall will be present here too overlooking Roskie beach. The main lobby has a lot of glass too. The architects are MSU graduates and without being planned we ended up with a blue and gold color scheme. The wood has a deep blue hue which is beautiful. The gold is intended to duplicate the wheat. The lobby has a full kitchen with two ovens and cooktops. There is a gas fireplace here as well. We agreed on a common laundry room with a better washer dryer ratio than any other residence hall. There is a theatre on second through fourth floor in the ‘hub’ of each floor. It is a study area with a whiteboard and TV and soft bench seating for 25. The first floor Residence director is located in the north wing. There is an area for trash and recycling and break for staff and custodians. Staff has a meeting space. It will be a 24 hour lockdown building. First floor main area includes a front desk, big lobby, elevators that are purposely slow, kitchen, stairway, lounge, and laundry. The rooms are 11X10 feet. Last march I solicited names for the building and RAs voted to name it Yellowstone, Bridger, or Hya lite. Yellowstone was picked because it is right next to the headwaters complex which is Gallatin, Maddison, and Jefferson.

Zoltek – What decides who gets placed there?
Brown – It is based on application date and first priority

Windham – Has the priority started yet?
Brown – October 1st

Dufner – Do the hallways have fire doors?
Brown- There are some

Chapman – Where do guns go?
Brown – We have a gun storage policy of no public or private areas. We have trigger locks for desk to cleaning room.

Glose- Is gender inclusive housing too early?
Brown – We will come to you all soon for involvement soon. We are getting it in place for the fall of 2016 possibly. Some are opposed or for it so we are trying to be strategic. We have been working with students in transition and I think we have made it helpful for them to succeed. The time is right for us to pursue this and we are working quietly to get this under way. We want to occupy all of our beds so sometimes we have to make choices based on budget over ideas. I can tell you that this is necessary and students need this on the flip side we need to implement this without controversy. My promise to you is that we are looking at it with speed and i’d like it in place before I leave in December. It has gotten the nod from the most senior administration now it’s just up to make it work for 2016.

Campbell – The architect was SMA?
Brown – The engineer was a sub hired from our general contractor.
Campbell – Will there be ski waxing and tuning areas?
Brown – Yes first floor
Campbell – One laundry room on the first floor?
Brown – Yes
Murdoch – Is there accessibility for disability students?
Brown – absolutely it’s required that a percentage of rooms that are handicap accessible. We must offer every style.
Dufner – I saw a basketball court and volleyball court?
Brown – We were hoping with this project to replace the basketball court and enhance roszie beach for the neighborhood. There is discussion with outdoor rec to enhance their program in this area. We have no money allocated in the project for this time to do the things we are dreaming to do. There is a plan to care out money to replace the basketball court. We don’t want to invite outside people into our backyard so it will be hard to secure
Windham – We appreciate all that you have done here
Brown – I am blessed thank you

Admin Reports

President Birky – I would like to apologize to our speaker and the body my comments were unfair. I stand by what I said but it was not the most diplomatic way to say it. Agenda driven leadership is not a bad thing we just must ask before we tell. Admin is on the same page with taskforces. People will choose their own chairs for the taskforce. Justice nominees have held five office hours this week and I am confident in my choice as we move forward. It is okay to vote no I just hope you do informatively and state the reason why so I can take the information and move forward. I was asked to sponsor the engineers without boarders’ gala, if our engineering senators would like to donate $50 out of their discretionary I will match with $250 because it is a great cause. A student wanted to start a petition about wellness. A Native American student asked to replace Columbus Day with indigenous people day so we can discuss that possibility.
Zoltek – Will we just organize our taskforce projects on our own?
Birky – It’s on your own initiative
Oleary – The person that came to you about mental health concerns, did he have any specifics?
Birky – Just what he could do about it
Okeefe – If the student from letters and science can get in contact with me that would be awesome
Birky – If you have feedback please let me know
Vice President Capp – Sorry I missed last week I had an overbooked dinner. This next week will be program director meetings. This is a time to reconnect with directors. They have voiced concern about
no connection. There will be a new drop form if you do not make solid contact with them. We are working on a bobcat hoops tip off to increase engagement. There is a double header the night before Cat/Griz and we are encouraging students to come to that. Red buffalo and nerd night is October 29th and November 20th is hunger games brought to you by campus entertainment. Rocky horror picture show is coming up and I am bringing Birky it is next week on Friday and Saturday. MAS conference call was this week, they will be coming here in November for board of regents. We are trying to set our legislative priorities in MAS. I encourage you guys to come and get acquainted. As always communication is important and it’s needed for taskforces. I’ll be on student outreach.

Glose – When is board of regents again?

Leach – 21st

Capp – Regents is Thursday and Friday. We are starting Can the Griz and we are making a video to challenge UM.

Cowles – There is male crossdressing in Rocky Horror and I hope Levi is a part of that. We have put out great PR videos so far. Finance board approved new camera gear for PR since they don’t have a good system. We sorted out the streamline deal and it’s all paid. Speaker forum taskforce is the one I picked to be a part of. I want it to be a combination of Ted and entrepreneurial concepts. We want to provide opportunities to our student leaders in clubs. I am working on the POS system and we have hit a roadblock since the guy in charge is on vacation. We are close to closing out September accounts. Budget council is coming up for final review of strategic investment proposals. We work on evaluating different programs. If you are interested in learning about those come see me. In the next week or two we are getting a key pad on sub 220 reason being so many missing keys. I have requested some senators introduce the camera request, funding board and finance board appointments. We are a month behind.

Soares – Chelsey Wilson has asked you to volunteer for the booth we have for MSU Fridays. Show up in the ballrooms at 12:45. Next week campus entertainment will report on semester activities. University studies is coming next week to present on advising initiatives. Also Ryan Diehl is stopping by to speak. We are hoping to make progress on judiciary committee duties within the organization, hopefully next week. The bylaws had inconsistencies and I apologize it wasn’t the right one. Just go to the opal drive you will find the approved one. Poll for the body: if I were to accept new business at a different time and have a cutoff would you rather have the cutoff at the beginning of the week or end? I’m looking at Tuesday evening it’s just an idea right now. To respond to the lack of new business I am sorry we are not behind on funding board. And finance board, the applicants aren’t here. I’d like to meet the applicants because I don’t like blanket voting.

Dove – Finance board approved their one application. I agree that appointment is time sensitive, but we did just have our first meeting. Funding board got our first application Wednesday which can wait until next week because I’d like you to take time to make the best decision. As far as programs and task force I will be on code of ethics and josh is on alcohol policy

Senate reports

Cowles – To address the applications, I’ve received angry emails because we are waiting too long. We have never needed people here for appointment in the past
Howell – Upheaval has been renamed the MSU student are market. Not in our house had their first meeting to discuss plans for the year. They are looking for help with upcoming events and ideas. It’s a great opportunity.

Zoltek – University studies will be here next week to present on new advising material and if you have any questions please let me know what you think would be relative for them to speak on. Academic advising council was today and advisors from every department talked about problems with orientation and advising. I went to CSAC today and they are trying to implement a plan to integrate bikes on campus and make sure the needs for bikers are met on campus.

Campbell – The engineering ball is a great opportunity I am not paying because I am volunteering there and Dylan Erwin may be speaking. If you want to attend we always need volunteers. The biggest problem we have is that it is not just an organization for engineers, it does so many positive things for the community.

Windham - I went to the mental health taskforce meeting and we talked about suicide prevention training for faculty and staff and students. I think a training for senate would be a good thing. A landing page for them is in the works and they are looking for feedback on it. A statewide summit for suicide prevention is coming in February. They are working on good policies so let me know if you’d like to get involved.

Sanders – Procrastinator is playing train wreck and inside out this week. The gift is getting a lot of good reviews.

Stimac – Classroom committee meeting was on Wednesday and it was so cool! The engineering building may have an arena type classroom where it’s a circular room. I am super stoked about it! They would like your opinion on having a large lecture hall like this.

Soares – Are they sending this out to the whole body?

Stimac – I will ask next meeting

Zoltek – I forgot to mention Smartycat tutoring needs tutors so apply!

**Unfinished business** – None

**New business** – Judicial branch confirmations

Questions for nominees:

Leach - Have you read the Constitution and Bylaws in their entirety?

   Motion passes

Howell – I want a one minute intro followed by 3 questions answering then a one minute closing

   Motion passes

Chapman- What are your thoughts and ideas for maintaining a relationship between ASMSU senate and the judicial council?

Howell- What is the value there?
Lacy – Speaking to Birky judicial council doesn’t have a formal relationship with senate and id like them to read minority and majority opinions and have a symbiotic relationship between the two and see how they plan to do that.

Howell – They do transcribe that in a written form

Dufner – Would that influence their decision making?

Lacy – I was hoping it would be a report after the fact

Chapman – Howell, do you have any friendly amendments?

Howell – I think we shouldn’t push a relationship

Birky – I like this question because it’s not defined and I’d like to hear what they’d like their impartial branch to be

Chapman – I’d like to accept any friendly amendments

Windham – Are you looking to help them be cognizant of their relationship and also the reasoning for the question seems like you want them to know what decisions they are making in this position

Lacy – The thought is not for an expectation but that there should be a relationship between ASMSU and their branch and what their expectations are

Windham – That’s a good idea then they are aware

Glose – I think it’s a good question. I’d like to amend that we change it to say not just to the senate but ASMSU as a whole including exec and admin.

Chapman - Accepted

Motion passes

Glose – What outside experience can you bring to the table that can assist you in this position?

Stimac – I feel like that is already stated in their resumes

Campbell – I like the question after reading the resumes they have experience but I’d like to hear what they think is most important in their qualities

Motion passes

Soares – Can we move to ask the questions in the order they were presented? (Seconded)

**Justice nominees**

**Justice nominee Derek Hetherington**

Hetherington Introduction - My name is Derek Hetherington I’m a sophomore studying finance and pre-med

Leach - Have you read the Constitution and Bylaws in their entirety?

Hetherington - Yes I have
Chapman - What are your thoughts and ideas for maintaining a relationship between ASMSU senate and the judicial council?

Hetherington - I think it is important to maintain but not favor one branch over the other. We need to make sure we have good checks and balances

Glose - What outside experience can you bring to the table that can assist you in this position?

Hetherington - Last year I worked very closely with IRHA. We worked closely with ASMSU fighting the student code of conduct to formulate against that and drafted student input for the student bill of rights

Hetherington closing statement - It is important to represent a bipartisan view and not favor a single side. We are not setting policy but setting precedent for future generations to come.

Windham – Move to discuss after they speak and not approve until after everyone is done

Motion passes

Windham – I talked to Derek in the office he is very passionate about this position. He has read everything and I think he’d be a great addition.

Glose – I know Derek personally and he’d fit very well in the justice position. He has exposure to what ASMSU does and how complicated things can be

Justice Nominee Carsten Kirby

Kirby – I have met all of you within the past week I have been a senator for the past two years not including this one

Leach – Have you read the Constitution and Bylaws in their entirety?

Kirby – Oh yeah. I have memorized a few sections I am very confident

Chapman – What are your thoughts and ideas for maintaining a relationship between ASMSU senate and the judicial council?

Kirby – Over the summer I was one of the primary drafters for the referendum for the judicial body. We will maintain a very professional relationship.

Glose – What outside experience can you bring to the table that can assist you in this position?

Kirby – I am a stickler for the rules and it is good to stay professional otherwise it’s a lifestyle I live to follow the rules and have that confidence.

Kirby closing statement - I’d like to thank you all for taking the time to be senators it is a rewarding experience. Thank you for passaging what you have. You have four great candidates out in the hall and you cant go wrong.

Discussion

Chapman – I’ve known Kirby for a while he is a great candidate

Glose – Kirby would be an awesome justice. He knows the function of the judicial council very well.
Dove – I’ve known Kirby as a senator and at the hiatus he is strangely passionate about this stuff he’d be a great addition

Windham – this is Carsten’s baby he came up with this branch so that in itself shows his passion. He loves this sort of thing, strangely. He’s awesome and would do a great job.

Howell – He’s a great senator and knows his stuff. My only thing is he is a senior but looking into the future he won’t be with us very long.

Capp – I worked with Kirby on elections and he knows his drafting rules stuff. I look forward to working with him

Dove – in regards to Howell’s concerns, I have spoken to Kirby and Hetherington and Kirby recruited Hetherington and they both know what they are talking bout but Kirby will probably be back after his senior year with master’s program.

Glose – I think it is appropriate to have a senior as it reflects well on the student body

**Justice nominee Hannah Good**

Good- I am a sophomore studying political science and economics from great falls I am excited to be here

Leach- Have you read the Constitution and Bylaws in their entirety?

Good- I have read them but not entirely I am receiving a binder tonight to read them all

Chapman- What are your thoughts and ideas for maintaining a relationship between ASMSU senate and the judicial council?

Good – The judicial council will serve as a body to check the congressional branch. We need to be a group that sets precedence for future judicial committees.

Glose – What outside experience can you bring to the table that can assist you in this position?

Good – I am a part of the Alpha Omicron Pi sorority and I was elected to the standards board in that. I am a state champion in policy and debate. I was elected student body president of great falls high school.

I hope you guys have read over my resume and find me capable of carrying out this position. When students get together great things can happen. Let me know if you need further information.

**Discussion**

Stimac – She is one of the most amazing humans I know. She does everything with full heart and she deserves it.

Glose – She hasn’t read the constitution and bylaws in their entirety but she has read a lot and it is a lot to read before you get the job and it wasn’t on the website.

Jones – She told us honestly and that testifies to her character

**Justice nominee Olivianne Stavic**
Stavic – I grew up in small town South Dakota on a cattle ranch which has led to the person I am today I am majoring in political science and minoring in ag business and hopefully law school in the future

Leach – Have you read the Constitution and Bylaws in their entirety?

Stavic – What was sent to me in the link I read and I believe it was the constitution

Chapman – What are your thoughts and ideas for maintaining a relationship between ASMSU senate and the judicial council?

Stavic – I think the question of can you remain unbiased is a great one because you are there to interpret and maintain the constitution.

Glose – What outside experience can you bring to the table that can assist you in this position?

Stavic – I was in student council in high school until every year because I am a go getter. I was on expansion and promotion board for my community like food drives a local safety. I am vice president of the pre law club and I am looking forward to this.

I was thinking here about what would make a good justice and I came up with integrity, detail oriented, and a go getter. I think I obtain all of these traits and I look forward to working with you all.

Chapman – I really liked her resume and personality. I highly recommend her.

Howell – I’ve gotten to know her in class she is very detail oriented and analytical that that’s a trait I look for in this position. I am thrilled she is going into this position.

Windham – Liv seems like an awesome girl but on her resume and cover letter were some semantic and grammatical issues so if she’s actually detail oriented she should catch that. She presented that ahead of herself and it is the first impression I got.

Jones – her cover letter and resume grammar was subpar. Just minor things. If she’s truly detail oriented and analytical I see that she didn’t bother to edit it and didn’t put in the time to read over it then I don’t want her in that type of position. She is very personable but the detail oriented part bothers me.

Murdoch – she knows what is expected of her she has a lot to offer her personality is awesome and if she made a few mistakes in her cover letter I think she can make up for those.

Howell – thanks for bringing up those points but we get bills from senators with grammatical and spelling errors and we should hold up everyone to that standard but there is a chance to learn. Don’t let that be your swinging vote.

Glose – how long were they given to prepare?

Birky – I asked them last minute I take responsibility. Grammar isn’t their highest calling in this position.

**Justice Nominee Lauren Myers**

Myers – I am a secondary education major and I am interested in special education law by providing fair education everywhere.

Leach – Have you read the Constitution and Bylaws in their entirety?
Myers – No I have not I have scanned what was sent to me. I did try to access it but the link was broken.

Chapman – What are your thoughts and ideas for maintaining a relationship between ASMSU senate and the judicial council?

Myers – I think it is our job to make sure you guys can carry on your mission statement and whatever we can do to help you guys is our main job.

Glose – What outside experience can you bring to the table that can assist you in this position?

Myers – I do not have a large expansive knowledge when it comes to legal knowledge but I have an expansive knowledge in education in multiple levels but I have a strong desire to learn and enhance the educational environment.

Thank you for letting me have the opportunity. Legal knowledge will be the biggest hurdle for me but I am highly willing to learn.

Discussion

Murdoch – I have classes with Lauren and she is super goal oriented, she is a people person and understands people. She does a stellar job and a phenomenal candidate and totally recommend her.

Windham – I have class with Lauren and she may not have the most experience but she does bring diversity to the judicial branch and puts so much effort in whatever she does. She would do a great job to round out the group.

Move to vote

Hetherington

Y – 18

N – 0

A – 1

Kirby

Y – 18

N – 0

A – 0

Good

Y – 16

N – 1

A – 1

Stavic

Y – 16
Chief Justice nominee

Birky – My nominee is Carsten Kirby

Glose – I move to ask Kirby questions ad liv

Motion passes

Okeefe – What do you intend to do as our chief justice?

Kirby – I want to look at other chief justice systems around the United States and maintain integrity by not legislating from the bench. We want the most success possible for ASMSU and making a strong judicial branch is what we need.

Glose – What leadership experience do you have?

Kirby – Marianne says you don’t need a position to be a leader and I feel I was a leader within my first term as a senator and won senator of the year. I am here to help with roadblocks and resolutions.

Dufner – why do you feel we need this position after 30 Years of not having it?

Kirby – There were some times senate didn’t do something right as in not by the rules. We have a lot of free range and power. If we know how to do these things we can make a lot of difference. If we do something wrong that can be taken away from us. If we do things right we are making a difference on this campus.

Roll call vote for confirmation of chief justice

Y – 19

N – 0

A – 0

Dufner – Move to move finance board application approvals to new business

Howell – How many seats are on finance and how many applications?

Cowles – Three seats, ten applications. We have less than 75% of the seats filled.

Jones – Why is it so vital that we do it tonight?

Cowles – Budgeting season is coming up and we are holding off orientation for the new members.
Glose – When is the next meeting?
Cowles – Next Tuesday
Leach – These members are crucial as they are student input that is not from this body.

Plaque vote
Y – 14
N – 4
A – 1

Motion carries
Leach – Add funding request from PR to new business. They have been without modern technology for quite some time and we need to keep encouraging them to make awesome videos.

Windham – We want to have a proactive PR so they need the best equipment they can get.

Dufner – The camera is a good choice as it is affordable and dual purpose for video and camera. It is a cannon T5I.
Y -17
N – 1
A - 0

Motion carries, added to agenda

Move to First reading of 2015-R-10 Outdoor Recreation Program climbing boulder

Move to At Large member’s approval

William Cronk
Zoltek – move to approve (seconded)
Approved

Elle Wood
Leach – Move to approve (seconded)
Windham – I would like everyone to understand the hilarity of her name
Approved

Dylan Dufner
Dove – Move to approve (seconded)
Dufner – it’s a family matter so I will abstain but he is definitely qualified
Glose – It doesn’t appear he put much time into the volunteer application form. He has two lines in experience where everyone else has a paragraph. A lot of his jobs aren’t finance related.

Dufner – He applied twice and it got lost so he did it a second time in a rush

Leach – Looking through there are a lot of finance points

Zoltek – As a student at large it’s not needed to be so specific

Approved

**Move to finance board proposal request for additional funds**

Glose – Move to approve (seconded)

Jones – The price is anywhere from $250 - $800 Id’ like an exact amount

Cowles - $450 was the lowest we found and some websites offer warranties. We’d approve up to $650. This is a worthy cause. $200 is a drop in the bucket here.

Windham – This is a great camera and we get a case and a lens so it’s worth it.

Campbell – Is this camera used by Dylan?

Cowles – Probably Zen look on the last page. It will be PRs camera they could lend to other departments.

Glose – Do you know the ballpark amount of what’s in their fund?

Cowles – A lot. We have a lot of different accounts that you will learn a lot about later.

Howell – Does the carrying case come with?

Cowles – We can use the case we have already

Lacy – How long the warranty will last?

Cowles – About 180 days to a year, we are not too concerned about it because its not a large amount of money.

Jones – My question was not in opposition just in proper fiscal management

Windham – Move to previous question

Motion passes

Move to vote to approve finance board application

Motion carries

Senate announcements

Howell – Thanks for everyone who came to Tacoboutit. I want to comment our president and vice president on professionalism and looking so well.

Cowles – When will justices be sworn in?
Birky – At the next meeting, we forgot.

Soares – Kirby, when is the next meeting?

Kirby – We will send out a Doodlepoll

Windham – move to adjourn (seconded)

Meeting adjourned 8:28 pm