I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by chair elect, Raechell Nielsen. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda. Raechell requested a quorum of elected members’ confirmation, quorum was confirmed.

II. Approval of Minutes of April 20, 2011

The minutes were approved with one correction.

III. Committee Reports


B. Facilities Services Advisory – cancelled for cleanup day. A suggestion for FSA was to change trash bins in the Family and Graduate housing to closed receptacles. Birds and wind are causing a mess. Minutes of the OFS meetings at https://www.facilities.montana.edu/committees/ofrac/display.html.

C. International Program – does not meet through summer.

D. MSU Benefits & IUBC – the 3/11 meeting listed methods which could be implemented to reduce the projected shortfall of money in our medical benefits plan. An additional suggestion of using and on-campus clinic was made as a possible cost savings. Next IUBC meeting is 8/17. Additional information is available at http://www.montana.edu/staffsenate/CommitteeReports/ctteerep-benefits.html.

E. Parking & Transportation Advisory – meeting was cancelled. See full meeting notes at http://www.montana.edu/staffsenate/CommitteeReports/ctteerep-parking.html.

F. Personnel Advisory Board – did not meet.

G. Space Management – did not meet.

H. University Facilities Planning – did not meet. Minutes of the UFPB meetings at https://www.facilities.montana.edu/committees/ufpb/display.html.

J. University Marketing – did not meet.

K. Budget Council – met 4/26. The Council discussed the fund balance of $110 million in the roll over funds. These funds are designated for specific uses and/or projects. A motion was approved to have Sheron suggest to the Council that any additional funds be used to support, protect and increase support staff and consider raises for support staff. Minutes of the Budget Council meetings at http://www.montana.edu/opa/coms/councils/bcouncil/budget_council.html.


IV. Old Items

A. Bylaws Committee – discussion was held regarding changing the bylaws to allow both elected and appointed members to run for chair and chair elect. Also discussed was changing the name from chair elect to vice chair and the timing of elections. Four new members volunteered to be on the bylaws committee and start the process of changing the bylaws. Proposed changes will be circulated via email to all Senators prior to the June meeting.

B. Training Task Force – no report.

C. Public Relations Task Force – no report.

V. New Items

The Nominations Committee brought forward no candidates for Chair and one for Chair Elect. Volunteers from the elected members were requested. One candidate volunteered. By written ballot Kevin Thane was elected chair and Deb Wilke was elected chair elect.

VI. Information Items

Board of Regents meeting is in Kalispell May 19 and 20. Representatives from MSU Billings, Havre, Bozeman and UM Missoula will be meeting with the Regents on Friday for lunch.

VII. Updates

Beth announced a new Dean of Students has been hired.

VIII. Motion to Adjourn

A motion to adjourn at 11:02 was made by Justin and seconded by Molly.

*Next meeting, June 15, 2011, from 9 to 11 a.m. in Wilson Hall-Bradley Conference room 2-257.*