I. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order by chair, Bill Van Horn. Owen (O.P.) Taylor was introduced as the new Skilled Craft representative to the Staff Senate.

II. Approval of Minutes of August 15, 2012 – The minutes were approved.

III. Committee Updates

a. Parking & Transportation Advisory Committee – Steve finished Molly Anderson’s term. Senators unanimously supported Steve to serve a 3-year term on this committee, term ending September 2015.

b. Planning Council – Raechell Nielsen submitted her resignation not wishing to seek a 2nd term. Raechell attended the 9/18 Council meeting. Senators unanimously supported Shana to serve a 2-year term on this council, term ending June 2014.

c. Budget Council – twelve candidates submitted applications for the seat vacated when Shari Curtis resigned. The selection committee reviewed candidates narrowed the pool and interviewed the top candidates. The committee recommended Dave Court. Senators unanimously supported Dave to serve a 2-year term on this council, term ending June 2014.

IV. Guest Speaker – Anne Milkovich, OpenMSU

V. Committee Reports

a. Association of Shared Governance Leaders – met 9/12 per Shana. The vice chairs for the four governance organizations (ASMSU, Faculty Senate, Professional Council, and Staff Senate) shared information about what their respective organizations are working on. All groups are planning on working on the issue of salaries for the upcoming Legislative session. The group requested a memo be sent to Commissioner Christian requesting that streamed Regents meetings be taped for re-broadcast since many times employees cannot be present at their desks to hear all segments of these meetings. Reports available at http://www.montana.edu/staffsenate/CommitteeReports/ctteerep-asgl.html.


c. Campus Sustainability Advisory Council – met 9/11 per Kay. The group continued its discussion regarding trees that will be removed to make room for the new COB. CSAC plans to recommend replanting. Reports available at http://www.montana.edu/staffsenate/CommitteeReports/ctteerep-csac.html.


e. Fitness Center Oversight Committee & Recreation Sports Advisory Board – no summer meetings.


h. Parking & Transportation Advisory – did not meet. Steve noted the parking garage is on hold pending further investigation. New construction includes a new dorm tower near the Hedges. The F lot is

i. Planning Council – met 9/18 per Shana. She noted that the Strategic Plan was adopted at the 9/5 University Council meeting. The Council is looking for a name for the Strategic Plan. The Council is developing a communication plan regarding the Strategic Plan goals and what departments can do now and in the future to make improvements outlined in the Strategic Plan. Minutes of the Planning Council meetings at http://www.montana.edu/opa/coms/councils/p council/p council_min.html.

j. Pure Gold Selection Committee – after a summer break Pure Gold is back in action per Donna. She requested that anyone may make a nomination. Senators requested some statistics on the winners.

k. Space Management – met 9/7 per Bill. Linfield 125 will be re-configured. The Committee is re-evaluating what is and what its role on campus is. Reports available at http://www.montana.edu/staffsenate/CommitteeReports/ctteerep-smc.html.


o. Other Committee Reports

VI. Old Business

a. Training Task Force – Julie reported that the TF meet with Library staff regarding Lynda.com. Lynda.com offers a suite of training videos from specific software packages to up-and-coming technology trends, to documentaries following creative professionals in a variety of disciplines. The TF is identifying the top 10 job titles and trying to tie training opportunities to those titles. Justin is pursuing UBS to partner and provide Real Color training at the same time as UBS training. Several Senators volunteered to serve on the HR Selection Committee for the new Professional Development Manager position. The Senate selected Eric to be our representative. Bill noted that the Advancing MSU email sent by President Cruzado talked about funding the position mentioned above plus funding a salary study. He noted that, per Terry Leist, the study will include faculty and professional only.

b. Public Relations Task Force – Shana reported the fall newsletter is on schedule for publication at the end of September.

c. Bylaws Review Committee - Chair, Sylvia Sparkman reported the Committee has been investigating election processes of other constituent groups.

d. Brainstorming the Senates Priorities – was held over to the next meeting.

VII. New Business

a. Administration and the Professional Council have been discussing awards at spring convocation for professional and classified. Senators are concerned about the current award criteria and adding a new award.

VIII. Information Items

a. Terry Leist will be a guest speaker at the 10/17 Staff Senate meeting from 10:30 to 11:00 a.m.

b. Dewitt Latimer will be a guest speaker at the 11/14 Staff Senate meeting from 10:00 to 10:30 a.m.

Motion to Adjourn – A motion to adjourn was made at 11:00 a.m.

Next meeting, October 17, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. in SUB 232