ASMSU-N Senate Meeting


The meeting was called to order at 4:02 pm on Monday, October 17, 2011. The pledge was recited by Senate members. The minutes from the last meeting were read by Torrie and a motion was made by Richard and seconded by Bill to accept the corrections and additions to the minutes.

IOC Reports:

SIFE: No report

Chi Alpha: Laurel reported that this week after Chi Alpha they will be having quesadillas and plan to carve pumpkins. She also reported that the Chi Alpha Fall Retreat is this coming weekend.

PAS: Wendy reported that PAS is working on their Christmas tree fundraiser and the turkey raffle.

Cheer: Jackie reported that the cheer squad will be having a duck pond at the Halloween party for the kids.

Sweetgrass Society: Bill reported that Sweetgrass decided not to do the cut-out picture booth at the Halloween party in the SUB since SEA was going to also be doing a type of photo booth. They are going to sponsor a bean bag toss booth instead. Sweetgrass Society will also have a bake sale in front of SSS on Halloween during the chili feed. Sweetgrass will also be selling Indian tacos October 18, 2011 in Cowan 308 from 11:00am until they are sold out. The tacos are $6.00 and the proceeds go to help sponsor the pow wow in the spring.

CIA: Bill reported that CIA is sponsoring the food drive around campus which will be going on through October 31st.

Skills USA: No report

Campus Corps: No report

SEA: Kelly reported that SEA was also considering changing their booth at the Halloween party since Sweetgrass was going to be doing a photo booth. Since Sweetgrass already decided to change their event Kelly will inform SEA.

Intramural Sports: Richard reported that co-ed volleyball will continue tonight, October 17, 2011 at 8:00 pm. However, there will be no co-ed volleyball tomorrow since the Harlem Globe Trotters will be playing in the gym.
Ashley went over the IOC point forms with Senate and the IOC representatives. The forms will be available in the Senate office and points will be awarded according to the event.

Old Business:

Last week the members of Senate decided to put two more garbage cans near the entrances to both dorms. Denise reported that there were garbage cans put at the main entrances but not the back entrances because Bill had expressed concern that if there was a garbage can there the students would not take larger garbage bags and such to the dumpster.

Cori suggested Senate change the amount of money set aside for the basket for the Will Taylor benefit. She expressed concern that we would spend $100 on the basket and it would not bring back that much money to the family. Senate agreed and decided to spend $50 on the silent auction basket and then to donate $50 to the Taylors.

Spike informed Senate of the plans for Montana Day which is November 8, 2011. The committee is planning to have an event in the SUB from 12:00pm-6:00pm. There will also be poster boards full of Montana facts around campus and there will be a display in the library. The committee is working with the Clack Museum, the art society, the historical preservation society, and the Havre Chamber of Commerce in order to get the community involved. Spike thought it would be great to get the IOC clubs involved and have them each do a display which corresponds with their club and what it presents. He thought Sweetgrass could maybe do a jingle dance or some type of entertainment and possibly sell Indian tacos that day. Clubs need to discuss ideas and come then communicate with Spike.

The SUB 50th Anniversary party on Wednesday, October 12, 2011 went over very well. Denise estimated 50+ people in attendance.

New Business:

Bill informed Senate that Brad had spoken with Energy Corps and they have 7 of the large aluminum/plastic recycling receptacles that they would be willing to let MSU-N borrow. When Brad returns next week this will be discussed further.

Denise received a forwarded e-mail from Cindy Smith, CEO of Bullhook Community Health Center requesting the endorsement of ASMSU-N on a grant Bullhook is trying to get. The grant would help to pay for the renovation of Donaldson Commons Hall so it could be used at Bullhook’s medical and dental office. Bill wrote an endorsement letter and Ashley read it to Senate. Spike informed the attendees that students collectively pay approximately $300,000.00 every year to the Building Fee which helps in the renovation and construction of buildings on campus. He suggested Senate look into a matching funds type of contract in order to help renovate the building so it could be useable again. Darlene was thrilled about the idea of Bullhook Community Health Center trying to get this grant and put Donaldson to use again. Having a medical and dental office on campus would be beneficial to the students and nursing students could be incorporated with the clinic for a great learning experience. There were a few questions brought to the table as to whether Bullhook would lease the building from
Northern or if they would buy it. Senate members expressed interest in touring the building and Cori said she would be more than happy to show everyone the building on Friday, October 21, 2011 at 4:00pm. Senate members suggested having Joe Callahan, Cindy Smith, and Dan Ulmen attend the next meeting so our questions could be addressed. Torrie volunteered to talk to each individual.

The Chancellor’s Lecture Series will be featuring Kevin Michael Connelly this Thursday, October 20, 2011 in the SUB Ballroom at 7:30pm.

There will be a career fair with 16+ companies tomorrow, October 18, 2011 in the SUB Ballroom.

Skylights basketball team has a game on Thursday, October 20, 2011 at 5:30pm in Armory Gym and then the MSU-N Wrestling team will have a Maroon vs. Gold match at 7:00pm.

Wendy made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Bill seconded it. The meeting was adjourned at 4:49 pm.