

ASMSUN Student Senate

Meeting Minutes

MSU Northern SUB Ballroom

Wednesday Nov. 30, 2016

In Attendance: Randy Roeber, Collin Miller, Tayla Farar, Ethan Partch, Trent Noel, Alicia Mason, Brendan Heims, Rachel Glavin, Christopher Brekke, Nathan Baird, Jacob Rosaaen, Jaelyn Kelso, Jessica Hoel, Matthew Tackitt, Cris Larson, Pamela Anderson, Riley Mortenson, Steven Wise, Tammy Boles, Amber Spring

Excused: Jessica Fish, Eric Tibbetts

Absent: Conner Schnicke, Sam Siroky, Taylor Etwiler

Guests: General Public

Call to order: Quorum Established; Meeting called to order by R. Roeber at 7:15 pm

Old Business:

Approval of Minutes	Minutes from Nov. 9th read aloud; Changes to minutes: Under "new fee proposal" the fee would be <i>\$14 per semester</i> ; Under "health fee" Sherri needs a <i>\$5000 increase</i> , would like <i>\$9000 increase</i> ; Under "MAS update" the letter was regarding <i>state based funding</i> not tuition rates. T. Farar motions to approve minutes as corrected, Second by C. Brekke, Motion Passes.
Revisions	C. Brekke announces that the Final revisions of the Constitution, Bylaws, and Fiscal Policy were complete and had been distributed to the senate to read over. Topic was open to discussion regarding the revisions, everyone thought the revisions were good. T. Noel motioned to approve the Constitution, Bylaws, and Fiscal Policy as revised, Second by T. Farar, Motion Passes. These revisions will take effect tomorrow morning.
Fees	Discussion opened about any possible fee changes. C. Miller stated that he was still working on gathering info about instituting a new fee but still wants to move forward with the proposal. C. Brekke agreed with C. Miller that the fee is a good idea and that we should move forward with the proposal. E. Partch reminded the senate that all fee proposals need to be submitted to B. Simonson by the end of the semester and asked when the New Fee Proposal would be ready. C. Miller said he should be able to present the proposal before senate by our next meeting (Dec. 7 th). Question was raised about what we need to do to update the health fee. We need to talk to Sherri.

New Business:

Pool Usage	<p>Senate used to pay for student usage of the city pool. There have been some concerns from students that think we should pay for the pool. It was explained that Senate stopped paying for the pool because we had a tight budget and there had been complaints that the athletic dept. was sending their athletes there to work out and they were the only ones using the pool. T. Farar mentioned that she was on senate when the cut to the pool was made. She thinks that we still do not have enough in our budget to pay for the pool. C. Larson suggested that we could enact a separate fee to pay for the pool. Said he would look into the matter.</p>
MAS Resolution	<p>Discussion was opened regarding The MAS resolution that was read aloud at the Open Forum earlier in the evening.</p> <p>C. Brekke thinks that the student senate has more important matters to worry about that directly affect our campus.</p> <p>C. Miller said he was against the proposal, he would be more in favor of this resolution if there was no evidence of destruction by the protesters in ND, stated that they need law enforcement there to help maintain peace.</p> <p>J. Kelso, agreed that it this resolution does not involve out campus and would rather see senate focus on more important matters.</p> <p>T. Farar stated that she agrees with everyone. Thinks that we need to look at what the resolution actually means, does not think that this “piece of paper” is the way to go about changing things and solving issues.</p> <p>R. Roeber, wanted to stress to everyone in attendance that we are the only campus so far in the MUS to open this issue to public comment.</p> <p>R. Glavin wanted to remind everyone that this resolution is not for or against the Pipeline. It is about sending our tax dollars to ND.</p> <p>Collin affirmed that yes, it is about Montana sending tax dollars that go to funding the law enforcement efforts at Standing Rock.</p> <p>A. Lankford said that this resolution does not affect our campus and thinks it is not a good idea for senate to take a stance on the issue citing that our senate could face repercussions by passing this resolution.</p> <p>C. Brekke does not support this resolution because it is essentially “slapping the hand that feeds”</p> <p>R. Roeber reiterates that no matter how we vote on the matter the final decision is to made on a MAS level. No matter the outcome whatever decision MAS makes will speak for Montana students as a whole.</p> <p>J. Kelso asks: if this resolution is adopted what effect will this actually have?</p> <p>R. Roeber admitted he did not have an answer.</p> <p>N. Baird thinks that this is a political issue and that everyone needs to take interest in politics or it will take an interest in you. However, he felt that this is a matter that should not be taken up by student senate.</p> <p>A. Spring advised senate to think about this matter just like any other resolution even though different in that it does not directly involve our campus. Reminds senate of what is stated in the resolution, all it actually boils down to is reaffirming peoples 1st amendment rights, and sending opposing sending our tax dollars to ND. States that yes this is a political matter.</p> <p>A. Lankford asked if it were possible to put it to a student vote and thinks that</p>

senate does not have enough time for due process and properly represent the students.

R. Glavin said that she did not trust this resolution's sources stating the fact it cited .coms, blogs, and fox news and these are questionable and biased sources.

E. Partch stated that voting yes or no on this issue was not properly representing students because our campus was obviously divided. Also, commented that holding a student vote was possible and could hold it via school's website like senate elections.

J. Kelso thinks that a vote was we should not hold a student vote citing very low turnout in past elections.

A. Mason thinks that holding a student vote would be a good and fair idea.

C. Miller does not think that this should be put to a public vote.

C. Brekke thinks that we should vote on this issue tonight.

R. Roeber reminded senate that if we are to decide this issue tonight we have three ways we can vote at MAS Yes, No, or Abstain.

C. Brekke said that we do not have enough time for due processes or to put it to a vote.

T. Noel said everyone on campus was given a chance to join student senate and had an opportunity to choose their senators. Stated that we were elected as officials and it is our duty to represent the students. If students are unhappy they should take an interest and join senate next year.

Motion by A. Mason to vote on the matter with three options: Yes (to adopt resolution), No (to reject the resolution), or to Abstain our vote in MAS, Second by J. Kelso. Vote held by secret ballot.

Senate votes to vote No on the resolution in MAS. 10 No, 6 Abstain, 0 Yes

Council/Committee Reports:

Budget Advisory	N/A
Parking Committee	N/A
Facilities/Planning	Had a meeting scheduled for Dec 1 st that has been cancelled.
University Advisory Board	Meeting scheduled for Dec 1 st .
Safety/Disaster	N/A
MAS	Proposed a resolution regarding the standing rock protest.
IOC	Discussed the town hall, IOC points, and Fundraiser for Russel Whitaker. The Hellowalk issue was resolved.
Rec Council	Started tournament play this week, will finish the tournament on Mon Dec 5 th .
Program Council	The Northpoint Auction will be held next Wednesday Dec 7 th .
Sustainability Council	Continuing regular recycling pickup; Raised \$250 in donations at the last recycling drive.
COTS Lab Safety	N/A
Constitution Revision	Revisions have been submitted to senate and approved, committee dissolved.
Filing Cabinet Cleanout	Filing Cabinet has been cleaned out and reorganized, committee dissolved.

Other Business:

Statement from A. Lankford	A. Lankford makes statement to the Audience that he does not give them permission to used his image or likeness.
Public Comment	Meeting was opened to public comment. Sweetgrass Society wanted to bring to senate's attention that they felt that their freedom of expression was infringed upon, citing university policy regarding freedom of expression on campus. Sweetgrass recounted the events surrounding the Hellowalk incident and stated that they felt the senate's decision to paint over their step was wrong and did not accept the IOC's decision to use the alternate phrase "Water is Life." Sweetgrass was interrupted by member of the audience who swore at the Student Senate. The man was then asked to leave and was escorted out. Sweetgrass was unable to continue when a loud commotion erupted in the back of the room. C. Miller called for the Meeting to come to order multiple times.

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Adjournment: R.Roeber declares meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM

****Next meeting to be Wednesday Dec 7th at 6:00pm****

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