

# ASMSUN Student Senate

Meeting Minutes

Fireside Conference Room

Monday Feb. 6, 2017

**In Attendance:** Collin Miller, Christopher Brekke, Ethan Partch, Trent Noel, Alicia Mason, Rachel Glavin, Conner Schnicke, Jacob Rosaaen, Jessica Hoel, Jessica Fish, Cris Larson, Riley Mortenson, Eric Tibbetts, Steven Wise, Tammy Boles, Amber Spring

**Excused:** Jaelyn Kelso, Brendan Heims

**Absent:** Tayla Farar, Nathan Baird,

**Guests:** N/A

## Call to order: Quorum Established; Meeting called to order by C. Miller at 5:00 pm

### Old Business:

Approval of Minutes	Minutes from Jan 30 <sup>th</sup> meeting distributed via Email reviewed by all. Motion by A. Lankford to approve minutes as presented, Second by A. Mason. Motion Passed.
Gun Safe	No movement made on safe, Safety/Disaster committee has not met.
Legislative Committee	Report from last week's legislative committee meeting by C. Miller. Said it was interesting; legislators spoke about reasons for cutting/keeping state funding. Presentations were made by, MAS President, Lobbyist, and student regent. There is thought about cutting WUE and other programs.
MAS Meet and Greet	MAS planning a meet and greet with legislators in Helena on Feb. 14 <sup>th</sup> all students are invited to attend. Hoping to get Gov. Bullock to attend. So far we have 3-4 members interested in going.
Mental Health Proposal	<p>S. Wise stated that he took the proposal we reviewed last week regarding a new fee to pay for a mental health counselor and presented it to the core leadership group. Said he got some positive reaction from the council, but they wanted to for senate to take action and figure out how much of a fee increase we are willing to support. A. Lankford voices concern that the leadership group is not giving us enough information to make a decision on, and is unsure what they want senate to do. E. Partch suggests that the proposal S. Wise presented was reasonable and that we could support the proposal as written and let the leadership take it from there. S. Wise clarifies that this fee increase is in addition to the increases already being made to the health service budget.</p> <p>A. Mason moves that senate support the implementation of a fee as it is written in the proposal (\$4 per credit up to 12 credits). Second by E. Tibbetts.</p>

	<p>Discussion followed: C. Schnicke questions whether we should fund the full amount proposed or if we should go lower and have administration/state pay for more of it; cautions that we should not be making such a hasty decision with this much money. Pont was made that no matter “who” paid for the program it would ultimately come out of student pockets. A. Spring mentions that right now the health services on this campus have very little funding and that we have one of the lowest health fees in the state. Also, she mentions that no other schools have a sliding scale fee like the one proposed but rather a two-tier fee. S. Wise mentions that since we are doing so much work with fees we could be getting more info about where the fees are going and get reports from the recipients of the fee money. C. Schnicke, echo’s S. Wise’s Concern think that we need to do more to make sure that the money we are approving is going to be spent where it is intended.</p> <p>Motion on the floor is voted on and Passed.</p> <p>S. Wise will take the senate’s decision to the committee in charge of creating the Mental Health councilor position.</p>
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**New Business:**

Sweetgrass Mediation	An email was sent by C. Miller to the Sweetgrass Society suggesting the idea that we meet with them to rebuild bridges after events of last semester. We received a response from the club saying that they will discuss the idea and get back to senate.
MAS Tribal Outreach	C. Miller working on contacting members of Blackfeet and Aaniiih Nakoda Colleges as part of an effort by MAS to invite the tribal colleges to join MAS and be represented at the state level.
Creating Campus Tradition	It was brought up in the Executive meeting that our campus lacks a lot of tradition that is common on a lot of campuses, we think that having more tradition would be an attraction to students and would improve student life. A. Mason motions to table the discussion to next meeting, second by C. Larson. Motion Pass.
ASMSUN Website	C. Miller mentions it was brought up in the Executive meeting that we could make our own student senate website that would be nicer and easier to use than the current one run by the school. He is trying to find a quote from a website service. A. Mason suggests contacting Cortney Cota saying she may be able to help with the design of the site.
SUB Pictures	There was a proposal made to improve our SUB building by putting up pictures of past and present homecoming royalty. Committee formed to work on finding/hanging pictures: Chair – T. Noel, A. Mason, J Rosaaen, R. Glavin, J. Fish.

**Council/Committee Reports:**

Budget Advisory	N/A
Parking Committee	N/A

Facilities/Planning	N/A
University Advisory Board	N/A
Safety/Disaster	N/A
MAS	Went to Legislative Committee meeting; holding meet and greet Feb. 14 <sup>th</sup> ; Working on tribal outreach.
IOC	Had a meeting, working on updating club information and polling club size.
Rec Council	5 on 5 Basketball starting tonight, hoping to be done by the end of the month
Program Council	Eppic to perform Wed. Feb. 15 <sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Ballroom. New bingo board to be delivered Friday.
Sustainability Council	N/A
COTS Lab Safety	N/A
Chancellor/Provost update	N/A

**Other Business:**

Pin N Cue	No new equipment has been ordered for the pin n cue yet
Student Survey	S. Wise distributed the results from the student survey he conducted encourage senators to look over the results to find out what students are saying.

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**Adjournment: C. Miller declares meeting adjourned at 5:43 PM**

**\*\*Next meeting to be Monday Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm\*\***