

# ASMSUN Student Senate

Meeting Minutes

MSUN SUB Ballroom

Wednesday Sep. 27, 2017

**In Attendance:** Collin Miller, Christopher Brekke, Riley Mortenson, Brett Pederson, Beau Hyatt, Ethan Partch, Courtney Schatz, Matthew Tackitt, Alex Lankford, Jacob Rosaaen, Connor Schnicke, Hannah Rutherford, Kolby Anderson, Carlie Rembold

**Excused:** N/A

**Absent:** Jessica Fish

**Guests:** Greg Kegel

**Call to order: Quorum Established; Meeting called to order by C. Miller at 6:01 pm**

## Old Business:

Approval of Minutes	Minutes from Sept 20 <sup>th</sup> distributed via email; reviewed by all. Motion by A. Lankford to minutes as presented, Seconded. Motion Passed.
Rosa Salamanca	DOJ Representative Rosa Salamanca was on campus to review the conflict between Sweetgrass Society and Student Senate. Discussed how to bridge the communication gap between the two groups and resolve any lasting conflict. Public Comment: Amber Spring used an analogy of a broken relationship, one party will continue to distance themselves until they are ready to move on. Encouraged senate to keep trying to reach out.

## New Business:

Introduction of Senator	Raleigh Hunter was sworn in as a new member of student senate.
Halloween Movie Night	Idea proposed to hold a scary movie night in Donaldson Hall around Halloween.
Senate Bios and Pictures	We will be having senate pictures at our next meeting (10/4). Also please submit a brief bio about yourself to be put up on the website.
Senate Shirts	Idea proposed by C. Schnicke that senate purchase its member's senate shirts for better publicity and representation. Motion by C. Brekke that senate authorize the purchase of two shirts for each of its members one polo and one button down; seconded. Motion was amended Add: Maximum \$2000 be spent on shirts; seconded. Amendment was amended: Cap reduced to \$1000; seconded. Motion Passed as amended. C. Schnicke will look into getting shirts ordered.
Governing Docs	Concern brought up that the governing documents need to be revisited more often and revised to avoid them becoming out of date. Governing Documents

	<p>revision committee formed. Chair: R. Mortenson, E. Partch, H. Rutherford, C. Rembold.</p> <p>Discussion regarding restructuring Program, Rec, and Sustainability Coordinator positions to advisory roles and non-voting members.</p> <p>Motion by C. Brekke to advise committee to amend Constitution and By-Laws to make Programs, Rec, and Suitability Coordinators Advisory, non-voting members. These changes will become effective pending an amendment to the constitution and by-laws.</p>
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**Council/Committee Reports:**

N Lighting	Still working on the N. Need to meet with facilities and Tom Welch to get an update.
Sub Decorating	Haven't met due to hectic homecoming week schedule
Communication/Advertising	Meetings set up with Steve Wise to discuss how to increase campus communications
Budget Advisory	<p style="text-align: center;">Notes from Budget Committee Meeting on 9/21/17:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Budget approved over the summer is in effect until November when possible changes may need to be made.</li> <li>- State budget cut coming in October. Between 4-10% cut coming. Tentatively cuts coming on October 6<sup>th</sup>. We will make plans on what to do with cuts in November at our meeting.</li> <li>- If cuts come departments cannot go over budget because we will need to possibly dip into vacancy savings to get through the budget cuts.</li> <li>- Percentage of the cut will be determined by the board of regents. The decision will be based upon who can handle the cut.</li> <li>- Ways to handle future budget cuts to increase revenue is a tuition increase or closing the Lewistown campus are on the table at the moment.</li> <li>- Changes in the budget will most likely not happen mid-year, but will be assessed in the following year.</li> <li>- It is important to increase enrollment because our revenue from tuition is down this year by a little bit and next year tuition revenues will play a big part in getting through future budget cuts.</li> <li>- Staff are not pleased with potential budget restrictions.</li> <li>- Because of the tuition increase this year Brian is lobbying to reassess all fees to try and lower them for students to offset the increased tuition.</li> <li>- Brian is taking a proposal to change the on-line class fee. Currently Northern has one of the highest fees in state following behind UM and MSU. Currently our fee is sitting at \$63 per credit; Brian would like to drop it to \$40 a credit. This is a split decision among committee members. What do we as the senate think?</li> <li>- Brian would also like to look at the distance fees or dual credit fees that resident/non-resident students are charged. We need to align with other schools by changing our fee from \$90 per credit to \$50 per credit. Also Brian would like to look at what classifies students as a resident/non-resident. Currently Northern is highest in fees with UM being the only one that is more expensive.</li> </ul>
Parking Committee	Parking is still a mess. Hope to have parts of SUB drive reopened soon.

Facilities/Planning	N/A
University Advisory Board	N/A
Safety/Disaster	N/A
Alumni Foundation	N/A
MAS	Not a lot going on. Talked about possible tuition increases. Worried about the 6 mil levy not passing.
IOC	Meeting Scheduled for Tomorrow (9/28). Hope to start planning Halloween carnival.
Rec Council	Started playing Volleyball. Starting to take in 3 on 3 basketball rosters.
Program Council	Homecoming went well (Glow run, Karaoke). Upcoming events: Bingo 10/4.
Sustainability Council	Working on processing #5 plastics. Working on getting Bins up in Student Family Housing. Asking for help policing the bins. Make sure they are being used for recycling not garbage.
COTS Lab Safety	Meeting scheduled with Steve Don, Want to hold everyone accountable for bringing shops up to date and keeping everyone safe.
Chancellor/Provost update	Chancellor Kegel was present at the meeting to make Provost Candidate interviews went well; they are close to announcing a new provost. Doing everything they can to restore power to Student Family Housing. Completed asphaltting on construction, soon to push back construction fence.

**Other Business:**

Public Comment	None
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**Adjournment: C. Miller declares meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM**

**\*\*Next meeting to be held Wednesday Oct 4<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM\*\***