

ASMSUN Student Senate

Meeting Minutes

Fireside Conference Room

Wednesday Nov. 9, 2016

- In Attendance:** Randy Roeber, Collin Miller, Ethan Partch, Alicia Mason, Brendan Heims, Christopher Brekke, Nathan Baird, Jacob Rosaaen, Jaelyn Kelso, Jessica Hoel, Matthew Tackitt, Cris Larson, Pamela Anderson, Riley Mortenson, Tammy Boles
- Excused:** Tayla Farar, Trent Noel, Rachel Glavin, Conner Schnicke, Jessica Fish, Sam Siroky, Taylor Etwiler, Eric Tibbetts, Steven Wise, Amber Spring
- Absent:** N/A
- Guests:** Dr. Bill Rugg, Brian Simonson, Alisha Schroder

Call to order: Quorum Established; Meeting called to order by R. Roeber at 3:00 pm

Old Business:

Approval of Minutes	Minutes from Nov. 2nd read aloud; hearing no alterations, minutes approved as read.
Accreditation	Dr. Rugg announced that he was very proud of Student Senate in the accreditation process. The accreditation service enjoyed the luncheon with the senate. We received 2 accolades and 7 recommendations for changes from the accreditation service.
Fee Changes	Brian Simonson was at the meeting to answer the senate's questions about fee changes
Grad App Fee	Alisha explained that the fee increase from \$30 to \$50 will go to increasing the diploma size. This is a flat fee that is only charged once even if you are earning multiple degrees. If increased Alisha hopes to get the larger diplomas for this spring's graduation. Brian wants to make sure to see a full write-up on how the \$50 fee will be spent (Alisha will do this). Brian thinks that this fee increase will likely pass BOR.
New Fee Proposal	There is a proposal for a new student lead fee that will pay for senate overhead (salaries, travel, etc.) Called Student Representation Fee. Question rose: What is a realistic fee amount? We need to look at what is fee is going to pay for and find a number that is justifiable. R. Roeber estimated that \$14 dollars per student flat fee would be a breakeven point in a low enrollment year. Point made that is can be justified because other schools have a similar fee. Brian thought that it was a reasonable fee.
Athletic Fee	Brian is not against the change we recommend at the last meeting but cautioned that we need to get some more explanation as to how the revenue gain would be spent. Suggestion made that this could be made a per credit

	fee. Question: could this fee be used to pay for the pool? Discussion followed regarding why we stopped paying for the pool.
Health Fee	J. Kelso talked about the health fee. According to Sherri Kegel the student health center needs at least \$5000 dollars to operate, she would like to have a budget of around \$9000. The Health fee is the only place the Health center gets funding this goes to pay Sherri's salary and the PA's, plus operating costs. Brian thinks that a 20% proposed increase would be a stretch to get approved.
Note	Brian noted that in the past BOR was OK approving a 3-5% increase to account for inflation. He said that this year BOR may be less generous and that all proposed increases needed to have solid justification other than inflationary increases.
IT Infrastructure Fee	A. Lankford looked into the use of the IT Infrastructure fee, and is concerned about some of the ageing computers on campus. He found that right now no money is being set aside to pay for computer labs in the new building. Alex proposed a \$1.25 increase (3.5%) Brian cautioned us saying that the new computer labs are two years down the road and that we may be able to pay for the new computers with the existing budget. Brian also reminded us that "that account has never run negative." The technology council will meet in February and look into it; Brian will also look into the cost of the new building.
Possible Tuition Changes	J. Kelso also wanted to bring to Brian's attention that currently we pay the same tuition rate for 12 to 18 credits, but due to our low tuition rate this is not saving the students any money until over 14 credits and students are paying more per credit when only taking 12 or 13 credits. Brian said that he is well aware of the situation and it is high on his priority list to change this in the future. Also, Brian wanted to point out that other schools in the MUS are looking at moving away from teared tuition. If these changes are to go through we would have to make a similar change.
New Student Fee	This fee covers the cost of putting on orientation and the food served during that weekend. It was also pointed out that Traci Jette comes to senate every year for money to pay for planners. T. Farar thought that these programs usually run on a deficit budget and wanted to look into increasing the fee. Brian thought that this might be an easy fee to increase without too much scrutiny from BOR.
Question	Question asked of Brian what procedure does senate need to take to change/implement a fee? Brian said for an existing fee like the health fee to be changed, the recommended change would come from senate and Sherri; Brian would do some of the paperwork, we would have to provide information regarding how the fee would be spent. For implementing a new fee the student senate would have to gather all the important information about the fee and do all the paperwork and submit it to Brian. Remember that for all fee changes someone has to present the proposal at BOR for approval.

New Business:

Revisions	New revisions of the Constitution, By-Laws and Fiscal Policy were passed out and glanced over by all. Some typographical errors were pointed out. Pointed out that in the fiscal policy that it needed to be stated that The Sustainability,
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	Summer Activity and Vending accounts do not go into the rollover account at the end of the semester.
Further Changes	Everyone should read over the revisions of the Constitution, Bylaws and Fiscal Policy. Any further changes and revisions need to be submitted to C. Miller by Nov. 21 st . The Revision Committee will take these into account and have the final revisions submitted to senate for approval on the 30 th of Nov.

Council/Committee Reports:

Budget Advisory	N/A
Parking Committee	N/A
Facilities/Planning	The committee wants to have more student input on classroom furniture and other academic facilities. Subcommittee was created to develop a survey to gather student input. Sitting on committee: E. Partch, J. Hoel, A. Mason.
University Advisory Board	N/A
Safety/Disaster	N/A
MAS	MAS is still upset that we did not publish their letter regarding tuition rates. Will hear more from MAS after their upcoming meeting.
IOC	Had a meeting to debrief from the Halloween carnival.
Rec Council	Continuing Intermural Basketball; changing play times from 40 min to 20 min to get more games in and be done sooner.
Program Council	Sending T. Noel and E. Partch to NACA conference to find entertainment to bring to campus. Upcoming event: Karaoke Nov. 16 th and Checkerboard Guy Nov. 17 th .
Sustainability Council	Continuing with regular recycling pickup schedule.
COTS Lab Safety	Met with Larry, he suggested that the committee make a list of recommendations about the safety of labs that can be presented before the whole department.
Constitution Revision	Have submitted their drafts to be read over by senate.
Filing Cabinet Cleanout	The filing cabinet is reorganized and old files have been stored in boxes

Other Business:

Plan for next meeting.	At our next meeting, things we hope to accomplish are: approving the Final revisions of the Constitution, Bylaws, and Fiscal Policy. Approving any proposed fee changes. And review of the Spring Budgets. If all of this does not get done it will be tabled to a meeting on Dec. 7 th .
Safe zone Committee	Amber Spring would like to see a student senate rep to sit on the LGBTQ Safe Zone committee. Not much interest by members of senate.

Adjournment: R.Roeber declares meeting adjourned at 4:30 PM

****Next meeting to be Wednesday Nov. 30th at 6:00pm****