

Student Meeting Minutes

10/02/13

In attendance: Andrew Potter, Anthony Little, Wendy White, Cassy Taberna, Jacoba Hauschulz, Janet Crowder, Denise Brewer, Kim Watson, Ashley Betzel, Molly Grubb, Eric Neal, Joe Vernon, Brad Shields, Nick Nichols, Ron Kling, Annie Kling, Maure Murdock. Meeting started at 4:04, with the pledge of allegiance, with a quorum present.

- **Old Business:**

- Read the old minutes, the minutes were approved and put into record.

- **Forum Meeting:**

- We discussed the Forum meeting that the senate had attended last week. Annie summarized the meeting, and mentioned that if you wanted a copy of the summary of the forum meeting, to let Her or Andrew know.

- **Pictures/Fight song video:**

- The senate took a short break to get their pictures taken by Jim Potter. After we had our pictures taken, Annie called the meeting back to order at 4:23. Once the meeting was back in order, we talked about what we are going to do for the Fight song video, and when we are going to do it. We decided that we would like to do the Fight Song video on the Hello walk steps, and that we will get the video done after next week's meeting, and that Molly and whoever wants to help her, will be in charge of figuring out what the senate will do in the video. We decided that everyone should try to wear jeans and a Northern t-shirt.

- **New Business:**

- **MAS(Montana Associated Students) Meeting:**

- MAS is a group that meets 4 times a year, at each meeting the different schools are able to talk about what's going on at their school, and are able to bring up any issues they're having. To be able to attend this meeting the 4 year colleges have to pay \$250, and the 2 year colleges have to pay \$150. At this last MAS meeting that Annie and Ron went to, they discovered that MAS is trying to increase the amount of money each school has to pay to be able to attend the meetings. They said that they have insufficient funds to operate efficiently. When asked what the extra money would be used for they said that they need more "stuff", at the MAS meetings, they provide 4 boxes of pizza, and soda, the soda which you have to pay \$1 to buy. When they were questioned more thoroughly about what this "stuff" really is, they said that they need the extra money to outreach to all the branches of the university's, get money for the annual summit, etc... Annie wasn't very thrilled with them saying "etc..." That isn't exactly much of an explanation. Annie said she didn't feel comfortable making a decision for the senate without the senate's assent. Annie said that presidents are just lobbyists and the people with the real power are the senators. Annie talked about how every school except Northern and Helena voted yes for this increase in dues. We think that some of the big schools may be pushing some of the smaller schools into voting with them, because the big schools pay the dues for the small schools.
- Eric asked about what the point in being in MAS is, which Annie replied by saying that MAS is for the student's rights, and that they stand with the board of regents, and if there is any problems concerning the students, that you can bring it before them, and they will help get the problem resolved.
- Brad mentions that we are seeing this from a student's perspective, and that they may not see it in the same way that we do.
- Joe mentioned that he thinks that we should stay in MAS, and see if we can talk with the other student senate's in Montana, and tell them that we

think this is wrong, and see if we can find out their reasons behind deciding to vote yes to this new proposal.

- Annie said that she found in the bi-laws, that in order to change the amount of the dues, MAS would have to make a committee out of the body of the meeting, and if 4 people in the committee say no to the proposal, it cannot go through, no matter how big the committee is. Annie met with the deputy commissioner of finance, for MAS, and he told her that he wouldn't do it; there is no point to it. The current president of MAS, who is spear heading this whole thing, won't even be in office by the time all of these changes go into effect.
- Annie said that they are calling each campus 3 times a week, and saying that if you don't answer the phone 3 times, they will kick you out of MAS. Annie said she will not be bullied by them, and if they continue to threaten her, she will bring it up with the proper authorities.
- Kim makes a suggestion that she thinks Annie should send everyone a copy of the slides from the MAS meeting. Annie mentioned she would like everyone to write a paragraph, explaining why you don't think this increase in dues is a good idea, and send it to her.
- **Halloween Party:**
 - Ron said that he is going to try and get each of the clubs to email him, explaining what each club plans on doing at the Halloween Party on the 31st. The Halloween Party being set up for kids. Ron also mentioned that on the 30th they're going to be carving pumpkins at the community center at 5:30, and to come to that if you are available.
- **Potluck:**
 - Annie reminded everyone that this Sunday at 3pm they will be having a potluck at the community center.
- **Community Project:**

- Annie brought up the idea of the Senate doing a community project, having the Senate do some fund raising, and giving the proceeds to a charity around town, which will help promote the student senate in a positive way to the community.

● Committee Reports:

- Media Council: There was nothing to report.
- Program Council: There was nothing to report.
- Recreation Council: There was nothing to report.
- Finance/Vending: There was nothing to report.
- Campus Affairs: There was nothing to report.
- SUB Committee: There was nothing to report.
- Diversity Awareness: There was nothing to report.
- Facilities Planning: There was nothing to report.
- Traffic: There was nothing to report.
- Sustainability: Joe is now a member of Recycle Highline; he is trying to figure out how he could get money to recycle highline, without just taking it straight from the funds. Joe brought up the issue, that he found out the storage closet, where he has been storing the recycling, is a fire hazard. Brad mentioned that maybe he could move the glass that he has stored in his shed, and use that as the new storage spot.
- Judicial/Legislative: There was nothing to report.
- Response Committee: There was nothing to report.
- The meeting was adjourned at 5:12.
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