

Weekly Minutes

03/28/2011

Associated Students of MSU-GF

- Call to order
 - Meeting was called to order at 11:30am by President Derren Auger
- Roll Call
 - Officers: President Derren Auger and Secretary/Acting Vice-President Marc Kraus
 - Senators: Diana Olson, Joelle Johnson, Maren Klengler, David Vermeulen, Eric Gilmour, Michael Thom, Cody Hocker, Rene Davis, Lisa Malcolm, Jacob Firman, Bethany grohs, Jay Hill, Stefan Long, Nic Teausant, Gina Younts, Katie Naude-Thigpen, Marynda Martinich, Anita Copp, Shelby Selstad, Katie Manning, Jaime Henriquez, Ellen Nutter
 - Excused: Thomas Wurtz, Diana Woods
 - Unexcused: Jayson ConlanKathryn Watkins, Kerianne Nadeall, Nadine Poupa, Serena Guthmiller, Thad Kelly
 - Visitors: Janelle Booth
 - Advisors: Dena Wagner-Fossen, Dennis Veleber
- Approval of Minutes
 - Beth moved to approve last meetings minutes without changes
 - Nic 2nd
 - Motion passed unanimously
- Officer Reports
 - Derren
 - Counted SEAP jars
 - Reviewed SEAP applications that were received
 - Typed agenda
 - Checked e-mail
 - Marc
 - Typed minutes
 - Worked on receipts
 - Checked e-mail
- Committee Reports
 - Maintenance
 - Did not meet this week
 - W.A.C.
 - Did not meet this week to review officer journals
 - Did finalize contract with catering company
 - Food will include spaghetti and meatballs, salad with two types of dressing and dinner rolls

- Campus Events
 - Nothing to report at this time
- Publications
 - Finalized draft picnic which will be submitted to Dena for proofreading and distribution to appropriate entities
 - Created a rough draft of an outreach flyer for the college regarding student government
- New Business
 - M.A.S. (Montana Associated Students) lobbyist Janelle Booth visited senate to update them on what is going on at the capital and what the changes that are occurring potentially mean for students
 - Advised that \$32 million dollars has been cut from the budget and that will be affecting higher education in the state of Montana
 - Stressed how important it is for students to contact their local Representatives and Legislatures and give them feedback about what higher education in Montana has done for them/means to them
 - Updated the senate on 2 bills directly affecting the MSUGF campus
 - HB2-will give the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education the ability to seek out other options for health insurance and possibly get a lower rate for students
 - HB439-This is the bonding bill and if passed a potential \$4 million dollars will be allocated to the COT for a new Trades and Industry building on campus
 - Student Fee's were then brought up and discussed in more detail
 - First was the issue of staff and faculty support for the distance education classes and office
 - Students are able to use D2L effectively but have noticed that instructors may not be able to do so
 - Jay moved to support the Distance Learning Fee with the provision that implementing support (via training or additional staff in distance office) be given first priority for expenditures
 - Marynda 2nd
 - 14 for
 - 5 opposed
 - 3 abstentions
 - Motion Passed
 - The Campus Grounds and safety fee was discussed
 - Maren voiced concern regarding staffing issues within the Maintenance and Facilities departments and the potential lack of
 - Advised that the new fee being implemented would be going towards making improvements to the campus grounds such as installing a solar powered

emergency telephone, adding new security lighting to the parking lot, adding additional parking spaces, etc.

- Marc moved to support the addition of a Campus Grounds and Safety Fee as is
 - Diana 2nd
 - 16 for
 - 0 opposed
 - 4 abstentions
- Marynda moved to support all remaining Fees as they are
 - Lisa 2nd
 - 17 for
 - 0 opposed
 - 3 abstentions
- Secretary/Acting Vice-President Marc Kraus took over the meeting at 12:20pm to run the process of taking nominations for next years executive office positions
- Reminded senate of the qualifications required to be an officer and the rules of campaigning
 - Floor was opened to take nominations for the position of Treasurer
 - President Derren Auger nominated Senator Maren Klengler for the position of Treasurer
 - Senator Maren Klengler accepted the nomination
 - No further nominations were received and floor was closed to nominations for the position of Treasurer
 - Floor was opened to take nominations for the position of Secretary
 - Senator Jay Hill nominated Senator Ellen Nutter for the Position of Secretary
 - Senator Ellen Nutter declined the nomination
 - Senator Maren Klengler nominated Senator Rene Davis
 - Senator Rene Davis declined the nomination
 - Senator Marynda Martinich nominated Senator Lisa Malcolm
 - Senator Lisa Malcolm Declined the nomination
 - Senator Diana Olson nominated Senator Eric Gilmour
 - Senator Eric Gilmour declined the nomination
 - President Derren Auger nominated Senator Joelle Johnson
 - Senator Joelle Johnson declined the nomination
 - Senator Jay Hill nominated Senator Bethany Grohs
 - Senator Bethany Grohs declined the nomination
 - President Derren Auger nominated Secretary/Acting Vice-President Marc Kraus
 - Secretary/Acting Vice-President Marc Kraus declined the nomination

- Senator Maren Klengler nominated Senator David Vermeulen
 - Senator David Vermeulen declined the nomination
 - Senator Diana Olson nominated Senator Jay Hill
 - Senator Jay Hill accepted the nomination
 - No further nominations were received and the floor was closed for the nominations for the position of Secretary
 - The floor was opened to take nominations for the position of Vice-President
 - President Derren Auger nominated Senator David Vermeulen for the position of Vice-President
 - Senator David Vermeulen accepted the nomination
 - Senator Rene Davis nominated Senator Bethany Grohs for the position of Vice-President
 - Senator Bethany Grohs accepted the nomination
 - Senator Jay Hill nominated Secretary/Acting Vice-President Marc Kraus
 - Secretary/Acting Vice-President Marc Kraus declined the nomination
 - No further nominations were received and the floor was closed to the nominations for the position of Vice-President
 - Floor was opened to the taking of nominations for the position of President
 - Senator Marynda Martinich nominated Senator Diana Olson
 - Senator Diana Olson accepted the nomination
 - President Derren Auger nominated Senator Rene Davis
 - Senator Rene Davis declined the nomination
 - Senator and Vice-Presidential Candidate David Vermeulen nominated Secretary/Acting Vice-President Marc Kraus
 - Secretary/Acting Vice-President Marc Kraus accepted the nomination
 - No further nominations were received for the position of President
 - Floor was closed to nominations for President
 - Marc then officially announced the individuals who would be running for executive office for the following year
 - Jay Hill for Secretary
 - Maren Klengler for Treasurer
 - Bethany Grohs vs. David Vermeulen for Vice-President
 - Marc Kraus vs. Diana Olson for President
 - Meeting was then handed back to President Derren Auger at 12:35pm
- Open Discussion
 - Beth asked why there was not more ways on campus for students to utilize as creative outlets

- Advised that organizations such as theatre groups or music groups are student led and there is a substantial lack of involvement in those particular groups that potentially causes them to fail
 - Beth asked if there was any plan to turn MSU-GF into a four year campus
 - Dena advised that at the current time there was not but it would be up to the Board of Regents
 - Also commented that it is not uncommon for 2 year campus' to be more focused on academics and have lower numbers for student involvement in extracurricular activities
- Adjournment
 - Marc moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:52pm
 - Eric 2nd the motion
 - Motion passed unanimously
 - Meeting was adjourned at 12:52pm

Respectfully Submitted

Marc Kraus

ASMSU Secretary