

19MAY04 MAS Minutes

Members Present: McCarthy, Rasmussen, Larson, Price, Lucido, Thomas (in for Kelly Paul),

1. Meeting was called to order by McCarthy at 6:09 p.m.
2. Public Comment:
 - a. Price distributed a proposal for discussion regarding a Coordinated Lobbying Effort. Discussed the hiring of a professional lobbyist, as well as a Student Ambassador program with a student in contact with each member of the House and Senate.
 - i. Lucido suggested that inquiry was necessary as to how much this would cost.
 - ii. Price indicated that there were many questions to investigate and answer, including how to divide costs among campuses, representation, etc., and suggested that those things could be fleshed out at the July meeting.
 - iii. Pavlish reminded everyone that the lines of communication between the Presidents must be very open in order for this to work, and that the effort would be worthwhile.
3. Introductions:
 - a. Introductions occurred around the table, McCarthy welcomed everyone.
4. New Business:
 - a. MAS orientation.
 - i. McCarthy discussed traditional format of the meeting.
 - ii. The MAS Constitution was reviewed by MAS.
 1. Price inquired as to whether or not the Constitutional changes had been filed.
 2. Pavlish indicated that he thought it had.
 - iii. McCarthy reviewed dress code.
 - iv. McCarthy reviewed the responsibilities of the officers of MAS.
 - v. McCarthy reviewed the financial statement and the rules of MAS.
 - vi. McCarthy had everyone check the contact list for correct information.
 - b. Action Item: MAS website.
 - i. McCarthy circulated the proposal for the MAS website, which would provide a venue for communication of agendas, issues, etc., and a way to get out contact information.
 - ii. Spectral Fusion created mock up, and presented pricing information.

- iii. Price added that Spectral Fusion is a student run, quality organization to construct and maintain the site. She also indicated that there was a possibility of some cost savings through the Office Manager.
- iv. Discussion was opened regarding the website.
- v. Ludico asked if any other companies had been contacted.
- vi. Price indicated that she thought Flint had only looked at Spectral Fusion.
- vii. McCarthy indicated that he thought there were many benefits to having Spectral Fusion.
- viii. Pavlish reiterated that and that there was a discount given.
- ix. Price reminded everyone that this would assist in compliance with open meeting laws as minutes and agendas could be posted.
- x. Price moved to accept, seconded by Rasmussen.
- xi. McCarthy indicated that discussion was needed to decide where the funds would come from.
- xii. It was decided that it was understood that the funds should come out of the MAS account.
- xiii. Vote on motion:
 - 1. Vote unanimous.
- c. MAS Officer Election
 - i. McCarthy indicated that he will maintain formal power through Friday's student reports.
 - ii. Nominations were accepted.
 - 1. Rasmussen nominated Price for President.
 - 2. Rasmussen nominated Larson for Vice President.
 - 3. Price nominated Lucido for Treasurer.
 - 4. McCarthy proposed these be interim positions as so few campuses are present. Finalization would then occur at the September meeting.
 - 5. Ludico moved that these nominations be interim, with finalization in September, seconded by Price.
- d. McCarthy announced that Jacob Eaton could not continue in the process for Student Regent selection. Carrie Severson will be the third nominee.
- e. The question and answer with Regent Hur was dismissed as Regent Hur was not present.
- f. Campus Reports
 - i. Great Falls: complete turnover with student leadership.
 - ii. Northern: held elections, 10% turnout, online election. New senators were voted in as well as administration.
 - iii. Billings: many things going on. Online Senate elections, increase to 13% turnout from 7%. 11th Annual Wine Fest last weekend, sold out, was a screaming success.

- iv. Missoula: online elections, slightly higher turnout. Have an experienced senate returning. Legal services has been expanded. ASUM is facing a lawsuit regarding spending limits for campaigning, as contained in their bylaws. Flint more than doubled the spending limit and his votes were invalidate. Flint then involved the James Madison Center for Free Speech to take on his case pro bono, NVRI them offered to take on UM's case. Promises to be an interesting case, Flint v. Dennison.
- v. Bozeman: record turnout in election, over 2,000 students for over 18%, mostly attributed to SUB renovation project. Students voted in favor of that project, which will come before the Regents tomorrow. Design work on the project begins Monday.
- vi. Tech: election turnout was down. Students are not very happy about activities. Changes have been made regarding newspapers, radio, and student activities in an attempt to increase involvement.
- g. MAS Luncheon
 - i. McCarthy indicated that we have six members present, ensuring that we have a quorum present.
 - ii. Only forty minutes has been allocated for lunch tomorrow in order to help meeting flow smoothly.
 - iii. Topics:
 - 1. Introductions will be the first order of business.
 - 2. Pavlish indicated that he would ask about the combined lobbying efforts.
 - 3. French indicated that she would like to inquire about the six action items regarding the shared leadership for a stronger Montana economy.
 - 4. Price indicated that having an opportunity for informal discussion would also be important.
- h. Student Reports
 - i. McCarthy reminded members that written reports will be presented Friday morning.
 - i. It was announced that dinner will be served at Uncle Joe's.
 - j. Price moved to adjourn.
 - k. Meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

5. Old Business:

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