



MAS Agenda
Wednesday, February 28, 2007
Room 133A, Helena COT 6pm

I. Call to Order

AJ called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm.

II. Roll Call

The following members were present-

ASUM: Andrea

ASMT-Tech: Chris

ASMSU-Billings: Kevin

ASMSU-GF COT: AJ

ASMSU: Cole

ASUM-Western: Whitney

ASMSU-Northern: Samantha

The following members were absent-

ASDCC: JR

ASMCC: Andrew

ASHCOT: JT

III. Approval of Minutes – November and December

AJ reported that the minutes have been sent to Spectral Fusion to update our website. Cole moved to have the minutes approved. Seconded by Chris. Motion passed.

IV. Public Comment

- a. ASMT-Tech Senator Crystal announced that their campus is conducting a campus race and was wondering if MAS can put out the word to their campuses to join them. The event is a bike/run fundraiser to repair the “M” on the hill.
- b. AJ announced that ASMSU-GF COT is redoing their constitution and bylaws and requested permission from the other campuses to utilize any language from their constitution and bylaws. At this time Andrea came in to the meeting. Cole motioned to have Andrea be the chair for the rest of the meeting. All were in favor.
- c. We moved around the agenda to conduct the candidate interviews because one of them had a family emergency. Each candidate briefly gave an introduction about himself or herself before the interview questioning. They were asked twelve questions by MAS and given five minutes to answer each question. The interview would last twenty minutes with any remaining time used for closing comments. The campuses that didn't have a candidate from theirs picked the candidate from the campus that did have one.

V. Old Business

a. ASMT-Raise Your Voice Allocation/Day at the Statehouse

In a previous meeting, the consensus was an agreement to pay for the Day at the Statehouse, but there weren't enough people to act on the item. Samantha inquired about the funding RYV received from some grants and they gave out scholarships. We tallied seven rooms that were occupied by MAS members. Andrea advised that we don't have to vote on the item now because we don't have the exact dollar amount of the event's expense. Andrea will visit with Kasandra and asked if it would be okay to do a vote by email after she distributes the facts.

b. Discussion about cutting MAS Dues

Cole indicated that there is now \$12,000 in MAS. He proposed for there to be a reduction in the dues because he thought it was not practical to have this money just sitting in the account. AJ cautioned about the website we maintain. Since the Board of Regents approved a waiver of the student government fee to purely online students, he suggested that maybe a fee be established to go to MAS. It made sense that those students don't pay the student government fee because they don't use Associated Student services. Andrea visited with Tom and he indicated that we could visit with the Fee Committee. She understood the fact that these students are part of a growing population in the University System. Heather mentioned that currently the Board is working towards a system that students don't have to pay for things that they aren't using, yet still have representation. At this time Kevin passed out the Treasurer's report, which indicated that MAS was at \$12,140.42. This didn't reflect the \$600 reimbursement to MT-Tech, nor the Spectral Fusion bill from the latest website update. Kevin addressed that he would feel more comfortable with a succinct budget to plan expenses better. Discussion ensued that MAS doesn't spend money on a whole lot of things, except for dinners being the main expense. Andrea recommended reducing dues in half with the stipulation that future members can raise it again Chris moved to reduce MAS dues in accordance with Andrea's recommendation, which was seconded by Samantha. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. Regent O'Loughlin

Heather reported that there were not a whole lot of MAS issues at the Board Committee meetings, but campus ones. She mentioned the report on mental health and suicide stats, which was thoroughly discussed. It will be brought up at the full Board tomorrow. Kevin inquired about the fee issue from November's meeting and the set of recommendations. Andrea explained that the fees can be used for Task-Force. Heather continued to report spending time in Helena and working with the Commissioner's office. She's impressed about this year's lobbyists. Kevin inquired about the Core to which Heather responded that concerns were addressed and are being passed onto the full Board. She stressed that advising should be there for students who would select their major after enrolling into the college. The provisional admission deals with the writing proficiency test as a clarification for those who admit students on a provisional level. The test allows the student to meet the standard and continue on in writing proficiency. The Board is making writing a priority for the 4-year institutions. UM proposed this proficiency test and it is a standardized exam. It's a nation-wide procedure in the admissions process.

VII. Student Regent selection process

There were a total of four candidates for the Student Regent position. After deliberation of each candidate, three candidates are going to be submitted to the Governor with the ASUM-Missoula candidate being the top choice.

VIII. Legislative Plans

Currently, the legislature is on Spring break. The lobbyists weren't present to the meeting since they went home to their families after being in Helena for the past couple of weeks. What MAS knows so far is that the bills are in the process of switching houses. HB 2 is split up, HB 807 decreases CAP by \$3 million, and HB 525 died on the House floor. March 6th is the hearing on the HB 807. Andrea commented that the student lobbyists are doing superb.

IX. Other

a. Student Reports

The student reports are going to be given tomorrow anyway to the Regents. We wanted to be sure to provide an opportunity for campuses to bring up concerns to MAS for any assistance.

b. Luncheon topics

1. Distance Ed fees
2. Fees
3. Legislative Advice

Each campus discussed fee increases on their campuses due to inflationary purposes reiterating what those fees would cover. Heather gave out the Board of Regents web page, www.bor.montana.edu.

X. Adjourn

Cole moved to be adjourned. Seconded by Chris. The meeting was unanimously adjourned for dinner at 8:37pm.