MAS Minutes

Tuesday, September 12 2017; 7pm

Mill Building room 205, Alumni Lounge

In attendance: Maes & Kypfer & Maes (ASMT), Coomber & Focht (ASMSUB), Love & Fitzgerald (ASUM), Clifton (ASMSU), Johnson & Kurokawa (Helena), Miller & Brekke-George (Northern); Schultes (ASMCC); Tews (Western);

Constitutional Referendum Regarding MAS Membership:

* Greenfield made authorship. Miller would like to see a co-author from a voting member. Amendment to add Schultes as a co-author. This passes with no opposition.

Removal of Cole Snider as MAS President:

* Motion by Fitzgerald to remove Cole Snider as MAS President. Seconded by Kypfer. Greenfield spoke about how vital of a year this is for MAS activity. Jes spoke to Cole’s presence at Western. Kypfer asked clarifying question. Greenfield clarified the process. Motion passes unanimously.
* Position of MAS President was offered to Schultes, and she accepted.
* Position of MAS VPIA was offered to Love and Coomber, both declined. The MAS body nominated Miller and Kypfer, both declined. Love was nominated and accepted.

State Budget Update from Greenfield:

* The lowest estimate of cuts we could see is a 5% cut. He recommended that we begin organizing students on campuses. He intends to create an informational email to be sent to students around MT, and recommends that each individual campus sends out information to students. He described the 6-mill levy and how vital it is tight now.

Campus Updates:

* UM: Presidential Search - 4 candidates coming to UM Campus; Program Prioritization; Operating Agreement with Foundations;
* MCC: School just started 2 weeks ago; All classes are full;
* Helena: School just started 2 weeks ago; Dean Search – narrowed list of applicants by October & someone selected by end of semester; Campus Outreach;
* MSU: Enrollment is up again; 2 building projects;
* Northern: New building; 4 new provost candidates with campus visits; Enrollment up;
* MSUB: Just started school a week ago; Just got senate up and rolling;
* Tech: Combining Radio & Newspaper into one online media outlet; 4th week of school;
* Regent Greenfield: (Board Update) Campus Budgets approved tomorrow, but probably amended at November meeting; New programs proposed; Mental Heath – Suicide Prevention Task Force update;

MAS Dues:

* Coomber stated that MSUB and UM are the only schools to have paid their dues so far.
* Tech is waiting on their senate’s approval.
* Greenfield spoke to the importance of paying MAS dues to be able to fund the MAS Lobbyist, etc.

Higher Education Coalition:

* Fitzgerald discussed a proposal of a hired position vs tasking the executive team.
* Miller brought up the importance of nonpartisan groups’ involvement & all agreed.

Meeting Times:

* NOT: 9am Friday, 6pm Wednesday, 5pm Thursday, 5pm Monday, 6pm Tuesday, 5-8pm Monday,
* Fill out an online poll

Meeting adjourned at 7:43pm