**Montana Associated Students (MAS)**

**Conference Call**

**March 29th, 2015**

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*Conference Dial-in Number: (712) 775-7031*

**Roll Call**

 **Present:** Cody Meixner, Delaney Hansen, Levi Birky, Holly Capp, Sonja Choriki, Baudry Metangmo, Jamie Nelson, Kerry Lombard, Tim Bouchard, Samantha Fell, and Asa Hohman.

**Review Previous Minutes**

* Holly moved to approve the 03/02/16 MAS meeting minutes
* Cody seconded this motion

**Unfinished Business**

**New Business**

* Student Regent Position- Delaney
	+ **Initial questions will be emailed out tonight**
	+ **All changes to these questions must be submitted by Thursday, March 31st**
	+ **A list of final questions will be emailed out on Friday, April 1st**
	+ **Delaney will contact the applicants regarding a time that works good for the conference call**
	+ **Stay tuned for details**
* First Year Seminar Discussion-All
	+ Campus progress:
		- MSUB- not ready to move forward
		- MSU- not ready to move forward
		- Tech- not ready to move forward. There is general support but they are not ready to make a firm decision
	+ Present the resolution with UM edits to your campuses and be ready to vote on this matter by the next MAS conference call (April 12)
* Tuition Freeze Discussion-All
	+ UMW- in support of lifting the tuition freeze
	+ MSUB & Tech- half and half
	+ UM- in support of increasing tuition
	+ Moving forward:
		- ASUM will pass a resolution, opposing a tuition freeze to be used as a model for all campuses
		- MAS may write a resolution, depending on each campuses response, during the next MAS meeting in Havre
* MAS Budget & Dues-Ted
	+ N/A
* MAS Retreat Agenda-Delaney
	+ A revised agenda will be sent out in the next few days, please send all suggestions/changes to Delaney ASAP

**Executive Cabinet Reports**

* President-Sonja Choriki
	+ Thanks for being on the call
* Vice President Internal-Delaney Hansen
	+ Let’s maybe try to get something done this year…?
* Vice President External & Treasurer - Ted Nesmith
	+ Not here

**Campus Reports**

* **MSUGF:**
* **U of M:**
	+ FY17 budget has been approved
	+ Senate approved a $9.00 fee increase to cover all accounts
	+ Looking at a huge shortfall for FY18
		- Trying to be proactive about this budget shortfall coming up
	+ Campaign season has is underway
	+ Cody has begun transition meetings to prepare all candidates
	+ First year seminar pilot program is going great
		- Students are responding well to the program
		- Looking at 15 sessions for next semester
* **MSU:**
	+ In the budgeting process
		- No fee increases this year
	+ Administration does not think the tuition freeze will be implemented next year
	+ First year seminar- administration is against it
		- They feel it can’t be incorporated into the curriculum
* **Miles City:**
	+ Senate is currently running through elections
		- In a crisis
			* Senate is broke
			* They have an emergency rollover fund for senate that has over $15,000 in it
* **MSUB:**
	+ Working on budgets
		- Will vote on them on next week
	+ Elections are over
	+ Working on transitions and updating transition plans
	+ Working on re-structuring newspaper for success
* **Tech:**
	+ Fee increase will be going to BOR next month
	+ Will be opening up the pool in the fall
		- Looking at combining pool manager and Intramurals director positions
* **UMW**
	+ Recent passing of Intramurals director/student senator, Colton Rohlf
	+ Campus Recreation Room will be open to students soon
		- Will be dedicated to Colton Rohlf
	+ Elections are next week
	+ New Provost, Deborah Hedeen was hired
	+ 4 faculty members that were on a 1-year contract were not renewed, which caused a campus uproar