Central Board Minutes
April 15, 1953

The meeting was called to order by Danny Lambros, and minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following Budget and Finance Committee recommendation was read by Don Cameron: "Although the final approval of next year's expenditures cannot be officially authorized until the first week of May, we take this opportunity to specify our probable action concerning Athletic expenditures for the year 1953-54. We do this in order to aid you in knowing what your approximate income shall be for this period. 1. The maximum percentage of the ASMSU budget allocated to Athletics shall be 48%. 2. The annual allocation of $10,000 from the General Reserve Fund will terminate this year; it is not to be renewed for the 1953-54 year. 3. The student activity fee shall remain the same as the past year, or $10.00 per quarter per student, and will not be raised to give more money to Athletics. 4. The expense of M-blankets for the 3-year lettermen in the future shall be transferred from the General ASMSU fund budget to the Athletic budget. Based on an enrollment of 1800 activity-fee paying students, this means that the Athletic department can expect about $25,920.00 income from student sources next year. It shall be the duty of the Athletic department to balance their budget, which must be approved by Athletic Board next month. Our position is this: We will give $25,920.00, or thereabouts, to the support of an intercollegiate sport program at MSU, but no more. If additional money is needed, it must be obtained elsewhere. ASMSU shall not be liable for indebtedness which may be incurred during the 1953-54 year."

Discussion then centered around point 4, concerning M-blankets. Brennan said she felt that the giving of M-blankets was a University award and should be kept as such. Van Meter questioned why we should pay for such awards when we don't pay for other awards, as for the band. Lambros said he thought the issue was: Should M-blankets be given as awards. Don Cameron emphasized his feelings that ASMSU was contributing enough to Athletics and that M-blankets could and should come from the Athletic budget. He said the number of M-blankets awarded each year averages about 16 and that they will cost ASMSU about $400 this year. Cameron moved that we take official action on these four points this week, Jones seconded, and the motion was defeated. Cameron then moved that point 4 concerning M-blankets be accepted, Jones seconded, and this motion was defeated. Lambros called for an unofficial expression of opinion on the first three points of the recommendation, and no opposition was expressed.

The second Budget and Finance Committee recommendation presented by Cameron was as follows: "We recommend that the students on Aber Day be given a chance to vote on a special assessment of $1 per student per quarter to be given to Athletics, with the understanding that this assessment be in effect for one year only."

It was pointed out that Budget and Finance Committee was not for such an assessment but felt that the student body should have the democratic right to decide upon it. It was pointed out that such a ballot might negatively affect the Aber Day ballot for a Student Union fee increase, and it was suggested that it would therefore be wiser to present such a ballot on the general election day later. Lambros said he thought we were paying enough already to Athletics and that we should wash our hands of the whole works. "If we don't have the authority to drop football, we shouldn't have the financial responsibility," he said. Cameron said that if we were for the first three points of the first recommendation, we should be against this proposal. If such a ballot were to be defeated, it would be bad publicity for our University, he said. Brennan mentioned that if the proposal were to pass, the Athletic Department would most likely be back for the same thing next year. Henne emphasized that most students would rather choose between whether they would rather support athletics or the student union. Cameron then moved that the recommendation be voted upon, Henne seconded, and a tie resulted — with Brennan not voting.
cast the deciding vote — against the recommendation.

Tom Van Meter, chairman of the Constitutional Revision Committee, then presented a three-page list of recommendations for changes to the ASMSU Constitution (included with these minutes). The list included recommendations that four more class representatives be added to Central Board, that class officers act as social committees and hold monthly meetings concerned with class projects, that Convocations Committee be made into a student-faculty committee, and that the Social Committee and the Outside Entertainment Committee be combined, with the ASMSU vice president serving as chairman and with two sub-chairmen under her. Brennan said she felt that there should be grade point requirements for those running for ASMSU offices (which would mean additional changes in Article IV, Section 6, a. and b.) Briggs questioned to what extent the members of the Constitutional Revision Committee had consulted with the involved committees and departments. It was pointed out that according to Article XI of the Constitution, proposed amendments must be published in the Kaimin in at least two issues for each of two consecutive weeks before balloting. As Aber Day and the Aber Day election were scheduled for the next week, and as Central Board members felt that they needed more time to consider these proposals, it was agreed that balloting would have to be postponed until the May election. To pass then, such amendments would have to secure at least a two-thirds vote by at least 40% of those eligible to vote.

Under her Social Committee report, Brennan said that the Junior Class officers had agreed that the Junior Class would sponsor a Junior Prom.

From Publications Board, a recommendation was read to the effect that the following students be appointed associate editors of the 1953-54 Sentinel: Kay Hudson, Muriel Griffin, Creta Stucky, and Seldon Beck. Cameron moved that the recommendation be accepted, Anderson seconded, and the motion was carried.

Lambros reported that Bob Lester had withdrawn his name as a candidate for junior delegate to Central Board. This was agreeable to those present.

Doug Anderson reported that the Oregon Federation of Collegiate Leaders was interested in getting together with representatives of other schools in other states. Central Board members approved of the idea of MSU’s showing its interest by mail.

Lambros asked for ideas and opinions concerning a week’s spring vacation between winter and spring quarters. He suggested that school begin three days earlier and that winter quarter tests be given Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of the last week. Criticisms to this proposal were that it would make winter and fall quarters out of proportion with one another in length and that it would not give students adequate time to study before winter quarter finals. However, the members of Central Board spoke out strongly for having such a spring vacation (as long as it would not cut out Aber Day); and a motion was made by Brennan, seconded, and passed that a letter be sent to President McFarland recommending such a spring vacation.

Being no further business, the meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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