The meeting was called to order at 5:10 p.m., in the Activities Room of the Lodge by President Loren Haarr.

Haarr announced it was the chair’s perogative to move on to new business.

NEW BUSINESS

Moore stated that a By-law waiver was needed to allow Sam Kitzenberg to run for ASUM President. His GPA is 1.97 and he has had a 2.2 for the two preceding quarters. BRIGGS MOVED THE BY-LAW BE WAIVED. SECONDED BY THOGERSEN. Moore reported there are two applicants for the position: Kitzenberg and Leary. She read a statement on the by-law waiver by Kitzenberg which stated that: he believed he could present a serious challenge, this would help combat student apathy; if he is not a candidate, many qualified students will not participate in the election, he has had the necessary experience to run, he could offer more in student lobbying attempts than most, and he would attend summer school to improve his grades. HAARR YIELDED THE GAVEL. Kitzenberg’s representative stated that Kitzenberg is capable of holding the position of president and still keep his grade level; he needs only 36 credits to graduate. He worked, as a member of Planning Committee, for the commissioner system; on the open-door policy; on keeping the Northern Pacific Mainstreeter train running; and would be successful force for lobbying in the state legislature. He felt that students have the right to pass judgement on who would make the best president. Fletcher felt since the president carries an image of the university, he should have the bare minimum GPA at least. He also pointed out that Kitzenberg received his lowest grades while serving on Central Board. McGrath stated that even though his grades have improved, they are not up to the standards. Schaffer, said with such a light academic load, he would be classified 1-A unless he could get a deferment. Wicks stated that when a person does not do well academically, he is either not working hard or is not bright; he did not know which was the case in this instance but felt that the position of president requires both. HAARR RECOGNIZED JOE BARNARD. Barnard felt that Sam is bright enough. He can get a deferment on 7 credits. Student government needs two candidates; the best will win. He felt that Central Board feared the students would not be capable of judging the most qualified. A campaign between two people defeats apathy. Moore stated the main reason students come to the University is academic; so Sam should be kept from running for his own academic interest. Wheeler expresses the same sentiments and announced there will be two candidates running—he is going to run. MOTION DEFEATED WITH EGGENSPERGER AND MECHLIN IN FAVOR: HARSTAD, THOGERSEN, SCHAPPER, WHEELER, BRIGGS, JOHNSON, VAN HEUVELEN, KUNDERT, MCGRATH, WHITEHEAD, FLETCHER, MORRISON, GREEN, AND WICKS OPPOSED; AND LEARY, MOORE AND MAGRUDER ABSTAINING.
Moore said applications were due today but the deadline has been extended until 5:00 p.m., April 3. They will be approved at the next meeting. If anyone knows of someone interested in running, please urge them to apply. The following boards have no commissioner applications: athletics, publications, student services, and traditions board.

THOGERSEN MOVED FOR ADJOURNMENT. SECONDED BY HARSTAD. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

PRESENT: HARSTAD, LEARY, THOGERSEN, SCHAFFER, EGGENSPERGER, WHEELER, BRIGGS, JOHNSON, MCCURRAH, WHITEHEAD, FLETCHER, MORRISON, MECHLIN, GREEN, MAGRUDER, WICKS, MOORE, KUNDERT, VAN HEUVELEN, HAARR, Barnard, Kitzenberg

ABSENT: SMITH, BROWN, GRAUMAN, PENLAND, HUDSON, ALLEN

Respectfully submitted,

Linn Kundert

ASUM Secretary