Central Board Minutes
March 2, 1960

ABSENT: Miller, Meyer, Nichols

The meeting was called to order by President Ed Risse in the Silver Bow Room. The minutes were corrected as follows:
Paragraph one, page two, "Quenin" was changed to "Guenin".

ANNOUNCEMENTS
Rissee said that he had received another offer much like the one that sent four Central Board delegates to Utah last week, except that this one was from the Student Council of the USSR inviting us to send delegates to a youth conference on the shore of the Black Sea this summer. He said that anyone interested should contact him.

BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE
Hansen said that there were three groups that wanted to know if they could appear before Budget & Finance Committee to request an allocation. He then moved that the MSU Parachute Club be approved by Central Board to appear before Budget & Finance Committee for the purpose of requesting money. Seconded by Morris. Hansen said he was not in favor of the motion because this would set a precedence whereby ASMSU funds could go to any minor sport and even honoraries. Rissee said that the other side of the question could be that these people are working in public relations because they are a rescue unit. Ulrich suggested tabling the motion until Planning Board's organization classification plan is presented to Central Board so that we would be able to see under which classification this group would come. He said that Central Board should set up some policy before setting a precedence. He then moved Central Board table the motion until such a policy could be presented. Seconded by Stone. Passed 15-0. Adams said a Planning Board report would be ready by next week.

Hansen reported that the All School Show had requested an underwrite of expenses amounting to $1500, and that Leadership Camp Committee had requested $410. The matter will be brought to Budget & Finance next week.

Hansen moved that Rodell Christopherson be appointed to Budget & Finance Committee. Sankovich seconded. Passed 15-0.

TRIP TO UTAH
Hansen reported that Martin, Ulvila, Morris and he had spent four days in Utah, two at Salt Lake City at the University of Utah and two at Provo at Brigham Young University. He said that they had inspected the Student Unions and talked to the student body Presidents. He said that they had spent time talking with Rex Lee, President of the students at BYU and had also talked with Frosty Cox about the MSU athletic situation.

STUDENT UNION STUDENT FACULTY COMMITTEE
Adams reported that furniture will be placed in the Yellowstone Room for the purpose of making another lounge. He said that the committee has planned a dance in the Yellowstone Room for the evening of Registration Day, March 28. He said that Keefe would report next week on Activities Committee.
STUDENT FACULTY ATHLETIC COMMITTEE
Risse reported that the committee had met with President Newburn February 29 to discuss the budget for the fiscal year 1960-61.

STUDENT FACULTY SOCIAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE
Risse reported that the meeting started with a request from Dean Cogswell that information of the meetings not be distributed to the ASMSU President or Central Board as this has resulted in bad publicity. Risse said that the Chairman said he desired the students to know what goes on in the meeting, but he asked that the person giving the report check with him so that there will not be conflicting stories. Risse said that as a report on the rules and regulations Cogswell handed out to the committee copies of the guidebook, and handbooks distributed to the men and women students. He said that Cogswell said these contained the rules and regulations. Risse said that the Chairman announced he would invite two members of Central Board to the next Social Standards Committee meeting, which is March 3 at 3:00.

OLD BUSINESS
Commissioner Form of Government
Risse said that most of the commission departments designated in Pramenko's governmental plan are already taken care of in our present plan. He cited such examples as Budget & Finance Committee handling finances, Traditions Board handling Demonstration. He said that while Central Board did not have direct communication with the Athletic Department, there were two Central Board delegates on the Student Faculty Athletic Committee, which put Central Board in a controlling position somewhat. In reply to the plan to have seniors as commissioners, Risse said he felt the seniors have too many outside activities, and that he had had the best work from sophomores and juniors.

Ulrich said that Pramenko's proposal brought these two problems to the attention of Central Board: (1) the question of qualifications for committee chairmen, and (2) whether or not the various areas enumerated in the plan are under our control now. Risse said qualifications for committee chairmen are not necessary because sometimes someone who has only the desire to work will do a better job than someone who has all the qualifications possible. Bradley said that someone should check with these different departments as Pramenko had done and report to Central Board. Risse moved this report be turned over to Planning Board with special attention to (1) whether there should be qualifications for committee chairmen, and (2) whether these areas are adequately represented, with special attention to forensics and music. Seconded by ? Ulrich said we should set a policy as to whether or not qualifications for committee chairmen are needed. The motion was defeated 13-1, Risse voting for, and Sankovitch abstaining.

Brown said that with this proposal and the proposal of a new constitution it is obvious that faster communication is needed in student government and that the students are dissatisfied. He said the question is not whether to accept this plan or not, but that we should hold this as a good proposal because Central Board will certainly have to "sharpen up its structure" soon. Risse said that the proposal
had not been before Planning Board in this form, so that this would not be a rebound action. Risse then moved that this plan go before Planning Board for further consideration. Ulvila seconded. Passed 15-0.

KAIMIN SITUATION

Brown said that he had mentioned the fact that there should be some kind of free exchange between Publications Board, the Kaimin staff, and Central Board for the purpose of establishing an understanding on accurate reporting. He said that he was entirely in agreement with Mr. Wren's letter in today's Kaimin (which protested Kaimin reporting as inaccurate and stated that he would not speak at a gathering where there was a Kaimin reporter present). He said that Central Board had been misrepresented several times. He said he doubted the effectiveness of having two reporter report Central Board when Olson, the Editor-elect, who was present at Central Board himself last week, still misrepresented what was said. He said that Central Board has a vested stake in the Kaimin and should have some say about such matters.

Risse said that the Kaimin's continual worrying about being censored seemed to be more important to them than getting and reporting the true facts to the student body. Brown recommended a Sunday meeting of the Kaimin staff, Publications Board and Central Board to discuss the situation.

NEW BUSINESS

HOMECOMING

Risse reported that Homecoming for 1960 will be October 1, and that Central Board should appoint next year's committee, as they will have to formulate all the plans before the end of spring quarter. It was agreed to make available applications for Homecoming Chairman.

PROPOSED CONSTITUTION

Mongar, Dugdale, and Agen were present at Central Board to explain the proposed constitution. (See addition to minutes.) In presenting some of the faults of the old system, Mongar said that the class system of electing delegates is outmoded because since the classes have been unorganized the delegates have had no one to whom they were directly responsible. He said that the Vice-president is now in charge of 250 people (approximately) who work in student government but who have no authority. He said instead of fitting new situations and activities into the present system, Central Board creates ad hoc committees. He said that he wanted to remedy this situation by a form of government responsible directly to the people and one with a system of checks and balances. He said that the President would have a definite financial policy as a platform for running and that he would follow this policy when in office. Agen said that the delegation of power was purposefully vague so that the Student Senate could delegate power.

Stone said that after the Student Senate had approved the President's appointees and budget, it could almost disband for the rest of the year. Mongar said that this could be possible. Dugdale pointed out that this system would give the delegates time to work on other student government projects, such as Paul Ulrich's Student Union Report. Stone said that the Federal Government's executive branch has continuity because the appointment positions often hold over
from one administration to the next. He said that this would not be true in our student government, as there is a turnover every year. He said that there is some question as to whether, in a school this size, there shouldn't be more unity between the President and Senate. Mongar said that the problem of continuity could be solved by staggering the election terms of Senate delegates, and the problem of unity could be partially solved by making the President a member of the Senate. He said that this would make the system more of a parliamentary one.

Agen said that Central Board was picking on small details, and explained that the constitution had been made general so that it could be changed. He said that there would be continuity unless the student body saw fit to vote everyone out of student government the same year. Agen, when questioned by Stone, said that the executive branch would be strongest.

Dugdale said that by this new system of election the delegates would be responsible to the people with whom they were living. Ulrich said that it would be next to impossible to work out a plan for two year delegates if they were elected by their living groups because very often people moved so that these people would not be representing the people who had elected them. He said that living conditions are so temporary for many students that this plan seemed inadvisable.

Martin presented a system in which four vice-presidents would be elected by the student body to make up the president's Executive Cabinet. Martin asked Central Board to consider this plan because it would put more representation in the executive branch. He said he felt that this was a serious fault of the proposed system. Mongar said that a multi-executive system was usually less efficient.

Agen said that they hoped to be able to put the general over-all plan before the students for a vote March 28 during registration. Ulrich said the students shouldn't vote until the details are worked out because Central Board would be stuck with the problems after the constitution is final otherwise. Ulrich moved the proposed constitution be sent to Planning Board with the stipulation that their meetings be made known to Central Board delegates so that these people can attend.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Tate
Secretary, ASUSU

Present: Risse, Adams, Tate, Hansen, Martin, Bradley, Lee, Ulrich, Sankovich, Ulvila, Morris, Pemberton, Romstad, Cogswell, Brown, Stone, Hood, Williams, Mittal, Gillully, Walsh, Mongar, Agen, Johnson, Dugdale, Bieley, Merchant, Blakely, Juelfs, Christopherson
ARTICLE I

Sec. 1 The name of this association shall be the "Associated Students of Montana State University."

Sec. 2 All registered students of Montana State University who have paid the basic activity fee as set forth in the Codes of the association are active members of this association and are eligible to all rights and privileges under this association.

ARTICLE II

Sec. 1 The association may cooperate with other individuals, associations, groups, or organizations and with the University administration and faculty. Such cooperation shall impose no financial responsibility upon the association. Such cooperation shall not diminish the powers of the Student Government as set forth in this Constitution.

Sec. 2 The members of this association shall act through a general legislative branch known as the Student Senate, an executive branch headed by a President, and a judicial branch headed by a Supreme Council.

ARTICLE III

Sec. 1 All legislative powers are hereby granted to the Student Senate, except as hereinafter limited.

Sec. 2 The Student Senate shall be constituted in the following manner: one delegate from Elrod hall, one from Turner hall, two from Craig and Duniway halls, two from Brantly, Corbin and North Corbin halls, three from all fraternities, three from all sororities, four from students living off campus, two from the faculty. Total: 18 (eighteen) delegates. All delegates shall have one vote each in the Student Senate except the faculty delegates who shall have one half each. The Speaker of the Student Senate shall vote only when his vote would change the results of a vote by the Student Senate. Each student delegate to the Student Senate must be a resident of the hall or group he represents. All delegates to the Student Senate shall be elected by popular vote of the groups mentioned above except the faculty delegates who shall be chosen by any method adopted by the President of the University.

Sec. 3 The times, places, and manner for holding elections for delegates to the Student Senate shall be prescribed by the Student Senate after its initial election as hereinafter provided. The initial Student Senate shall be elected within three weeks of the adoption of this Constitution.

Sec. 4 The time, places, and manner for the assembly of the Student Senate shall be prescribed by the Student Senate except that it shall meet at least once every month during the regular school year.

Sec. 5 The Student Senate shall adopt qualifications governing the candidacy for election to the Student Senate. No delegate to the Student Senate during his tenure of office shall hold any appointment in any branch of the Student Government.

Sec. 6 The Speaker of the Student Senate shall preside over meetings of the Student Senate. He shall be elected from the floor of the Student Senate following
the general election. He shall serve a one year term. He shall succeed the President as provided below. Upon such succession, a new Speaker shall be elected according to the above mentioned procedures.

Sec. 7 All bills raising or appropriating money shall originate in the Student Senate. The Student Senate shall have the power to lay and collect fees for the support of authorized student activities with the approval of the State Board of Education. The Student Senate shall not commit any portion of student funds in excess of 4.0% of the total student activity fee without a referendum of the members of the association. The Student Senate shall not commit any portion of student funds for any period in excess of one year without a referendum of the members of the association. The Speaker shall be elected according to the above mentioned procedures.

Before any Student Activity becomes eligible to receive funds it must first be authorized by the Student Senate. Upon its authorization it shall be placed under the administrative control of the executive branch. When it has been placed in the proper department, it may request operating funds by application to the executive branch's budget management agency and then to the President who will present the request to the Student Senate if he so approves.

Sec. 9 Every bill before it becomes law must be presented to the President of the association for his approval or disapproval. If he approves and signs the bill, it becomes law. If he disapproves, the bill shall be returned to the Student Senate for further consideration. The President may veto the whole bill or so much of it as he disapproves. The Student Senate, upon receipt of a vetoed bill, may enact it as law by a 2/3 majority of the Student Senate.

Sec. 10 In adopting methods for holding elections of any kind the Student Senate and the President shall insure that all elections are conducted in such manner as to guarantee their secrecy and integrity; in such manner as will make the elections processes available to the largest practicable membership of the association.

Sec. 11 The Student Senate may, in order to carry out its legislative authority, organize in any manner it deems necessary. It shall adopt such operating procedures as are acceptable methods of parliamentary procedure, except when the procedure involved are clearly not of a parliamentary nature.

ARTICLE IV

Sec. 1 The executive powers of the association are hereby granted to the President of the association. The president shall hold his office for one year coterminous with the delegates of the Student Senate. He shall be elected by popular vote of the members of the association.

Sec. 2 In case of the President's death, resignation, incapacity or other disability, he shall be succeeded by the Speaker of the Student Senate.

Sec. 3 The President shall have the power to fill vacancies in the Student Senate by appointment.

Sec. 4 The President shall receive a full tuition fellowship for each school year in office to be paid for out of student funds and such other compensation as the Student Senate may provide.

Sec. 5 Before the president shall enter on the execution of his office, he shall take the following oath or affirmation: "I do solemnly swear that I will faithfully execute the office of President of the Association and to the
best of my ability shall preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the association." The oath shall be administered by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Council at a public meeting of the association.

Sec. 6 The President shall from time to time give the Student Senate information on the state of the association and recommend to their consideration such measures as he shall judge necessary and expedient. He may on extraordinary occasions convene the Student Senate. He shall upon advice and consent of the Student Senate appoint department chiefs. He shall have exclusive appointive power in all lesser administrative positions and unlimited removal power within the executive branch. He may assemble the department chiefs of the executive branch as an advisory, policy-making cabinet.

Sec. 7 The executive branch shall administer, under the direction of the President and the authority of the Student Senate, all student activities that depend directly or indirectly upon the financial resources of the members of the association.

Sec. 8 The executive branch shall be organized in the following manner: The President's staff which shall consist of a paid secretary and such other personnel as the Student Senate may from time to time authorize. A Department of Administration containing two service-wide management agencies, the Bureau of the Budget, and the General Accounting office; The Bureau of the Budget shall perform the following functions: streamline department budget requests, revise department budget estimates, implement presidential fiscal policy; The General Accounting office shall have three divisions: a Division of Collections and Disbursements, which shall collect and disburse all student funds, a Division of Accounts, which shall account for all student funds, a Division of the Audit, which shall perform a yearly test audit of activities receiving student funds, and such other line departments as are necessary for the effective and efficient management of the executive branch. The Student Senate shall prescribe the organizational structure of all departments except that they shall be organized on the basis of sound principles of public administration. The President shall have full power to recommend administrative reorganization. The President may recommend and the Senate may approve such compensation for any administrative position in the executive branch as they shall deem necessary.

ARTICLE V

Sec. 1 The judicial powers of the association are hereby granted to the Supreme Council and such other inferior courts as may be created from time to time by the Student Senate. Justices of the Supreme Council shall hold their offices during good behavior and for as long as they shall be members of the association. The Supreme Council shall be headed by one Chief Justice.

Sec. 2 Justices and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Council shall be chosen by the President with the consent of 2/3 of the Student Senate.

Sec. 3 The judicial power shall extend to all cases arising under this Constitution. The Supreme Council shall have the power of judicial review over the decisions of the Student Senate and the President. Judicial review shall only be made upon the petition of an injured party. The Supreme Council may assume any judicial responsibility conferred upon it by the Student Senate in excess of the powers defined in this Constitution.
Sec. 4 The Supreme Council shall try all impeachment proceedings of the association. Any official of the Student Government may be impeached for dishonesty, inefficiency, or malfeasance in office. The Student Senate may impeach the President by a 2/3 majority vote. 10% of the members of the association may, by petition, impeach any member of the Student Government.

ARTICLE VI

Sec. 1 The Student Senate may propose amendments to this Constitution by a 2/3 majority vote. Proposed amendments shall require a 2/3 majority vote of the members of the association.

Sec. 2 Members of the association may, by petition of 10% of the members of the association, require amendments to be placed before the association for approval or disapproval.

Sec. 3 This Constitution may be repealed by a 2/3 vote of the association.

Sec. 4 The time, place, and manner for holding elections on amendments to the Constitution or for repeal of the Constitution shall be determined by the Student Senate except that they shall not be postponed past the next general election.

Sec. 5 The members of the association may recall the President upon approval of a majority of those voting in a recall election. Members of the Student Senate may be recalled by their living groups upon approval of a majority of those voting in a recall election. The Student Senate may receive petitions requesting recall of any elected official. If the Student Senate agrees by a 2/3 majority that the charges of the petitioners are sufficient, it shall arrange a recall election.

ARTICLE VIII

Sec. 1 This Constitution and the Student Government shall not violate the rights guaranteed citizens by the Constitution of the United States, The Constitution of Montana and all laws made under their authority.

Sec. 2 All debts, commitments, and engagements entered into under the previous Constitution shall be valid under this one.

Sec. 3 This Constitution shall take effect upon its adoption by a majority of those voting providing that 2/3 of the association shall vote in an election. The government in power at the time of the adoption of this Constitution shall arrange for the election of a President and a Student Senate under the authority of this Constitution. It shall also assist for as long as it is required in the orderly transfer power to the new government.

Sec. 4 This Constitution may be adopted by a vote of the association or by members of the association affixing their signatures to this document.