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The meeting was called to order by President Jystad. Jystad said the purpose of the meeting was to decide if the payment of the officers of ASMSU was a desirable action.

Crippen said that according to the plan of the ASMSU Planning Committee, about $900 would be needed for the program. As the budget is now set up, Crippen said that there would not be sufficient money for this plan in the general fund. He said that the budget is, of course, not set up permanently now, and that it would be entirely possible to change the appropriations to allow for this payment. Under the present system, Crippen said, it is a financial impossibility to pay the officers.

Jystad told the group that in the NSA pamphlet, it was reported that more than 50% of the student presidents come from lower income families, and that it would therefore be a great benefit for the student to receive aid from the students. The scholarship granting, Jystad said, might be worthy of thought. Erickson suggested that a secretary for the Associated Students might be hired, and thus remove much of the busy-work which takes so much time of the officers. Crippen suggested that the ASMSU office might be enlarged to provide more office space for the officers. Crippen presented a plan for this enlargement. Lambros said that it is the general trend that only the President of the Student Body is being paid, and then only in the larger systems. The discussion then turned to the value of the paid secretary in addition to the elected secretary of the student body. Many duties of typing, filing, reference work, etc. could be handled by this paid secretary, and thus save work and time on the part of the officers, the central board members, and also the committee chairmen. It was suggested that this person could be re-hired from year to year, and thus provide continuity that is often lacking on the board. Lambros suggested that the administration be approached on the possibility of aid to the student body president in the form of scholarships. Jystad summed up the discussion by saying it seemed apparent that all feel a hired secretary other than the ASMSU secretary would be of benefit to the student government. Lambros moved that Central Board refer the proposal to pay the secretary for the Associated Students to the Budget and Finance committee. Leuthold seconded. Passed 8-0.

Leuthold moved that Crippen be given permission to continue the investigation of the expansion of the ASMSU office. Riddle seconded. Passed 8-0.

With the completion of the discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Crocker
Secretary, ASMSU

Leuthold, Jystad, Erickson, Jackson, Crippen, Lambros, Fowler, Crawford, Crocker, Riddle

P.S. Jystad announced that Thursday, April 12, at 7p.m., there will be an open-forum discussion with President McFarland on student government.