Central Board Minutes
January 8, 1953

The meeting was called to order by Danny Lambros in President McFarland's office, and minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved — with the understanding that the secretary would further elaborate in the next minutes on the following statement: "that while under the field house contract Central Board would not be able to decide to build something else or lend credit." Briggs wished minutes to also contain the information that Central Board still could decide to build or lend credit with funds other than those designated for field house security credit if so desiring.

Committee reports were called for, and Brennan said that the Social Committee was still looking for ideas for what to do. Discussion then turned to plans for the Friday convocation at the field house and to possible ballot wordings for the student body field house election scheduled for the next Tuesday. After some debate over whether to include further explanation on ballots, it was decided that they should simply read: "For the field house as proposed," and "Against the field house as proposed."

McFarland said he hoped Central Board and the student body would guarantee security credit for the field house amounting to 50 percent of the student activity fee instead of the approximately equal flat sum of $25,000 mentioned earlier. This would be equal to the amount used for athletics but not definitely it. He also referred to some recent misinterpretations, such as one resulting from a Kaimin misprint pertaining to the Student "Union" activity fee instead of the student "body" activity fee.

Four main agreements pertaining to the use of student funds in the proposed field house contract were then made by President McFarland to the Central Board: (l.) That funds for payment for the field house will be resorted to in the following order: (a.) field house revenues, (b.) the building fee (amounting to about $36,000 this year and increasing with increasing enrollment), and (c.) up to 50 percent of the student activity fee (most likely never to be used.). (2.) That before any money ever be taken from the student activity fee for the field house payments, any other available funds in addition to field house revenues and the building fund be used. (3.) "That if any part of the student activity fee be used for debt service any year, the same will be repaid out of any available funds as soon as possible." And (4.) "That on any refinancing any continued pledge of percentage of student activity fee will be resubmitted to Central Board." Toward the end of the meeting it was also decided that copies of these agreements be mimeographed and made available to voters at the polls.

A number of questions and answers having to do with the field house then followed. Concerning whether or not the forestry arboretum would have to be removed to make room for a field house parking area, the president replied that no definite plans as to that had been made. He said that the nursery is being moved out to Fort Missoula but that maybe the arboretum could remain as landscaping. This would also enable forestry classes to continue their studies there of trees rare to Montana — trees that it would be almost impossible to transplant.
Concerning a question as to whether student and faculty planning and advisory boards would be appointed for the field house, President McFarland replied that such boards sound reasonable and probable but he has not looked into how they might be organized yet. And concerning a question as to the purpose of the student vote, he said it was mainly to bring student interest. However, if the students don't want the field house, I don't either, he said.

Discussion then turned away from the field house to the subject of new names for some old and also the going-up campus buildings: subject names for class buildings, and individual names (as after faculty and administrative officers) for the dorms. It was suggested that Craig Hall (originally the first dorm) be changed to the Math Physics building and that other new names be found for South Hall, North Hall, New Hall, and the newer hall going up.

Lambros reported that Harry Burnell, Co-chairman of the Outside Entertainment Committee and publicity director for the last two big name bands engaged by ASMSU, had been in the hospital. It was suggested that he be sent flowers in appreciation for his outstanding contributions to ASMSU.

Ginny Hays asked if Spurs and Bearpaws could have a franchise for selling ice cream bars, pop, and candy at the basketball games this year. As not enough voting members were still present, the formal vote was postponed until the next meeting.

President McFarland asked that Central Board meet again in his office in two weeks, on January 22. As there was no other business, the meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Joan Tascher
ASMSU Secretary

Present: Lambros, Brennan, Cameron, Tascher, Newlin, Abbott, Briggs, Wunderlich, McFarland, V. Hays, Fraser, Mattson, Seigle.

Absent: Shanahan, Coppedge, Louthold, Jones.
At a Central Board meeting last Thursday, January 8, President McFarland made four agreements with ASMSU concerning the propose field house (which is to cost from $600,000 to $800,000 and to be paid for in amounts from $35,000 to $40,000 over a period of not more than 30 years):

(1) That funds for payment for the field house will be resorted to in the following order: (a.) field house revenues, (b.) the building fee (amounting to about $36,000 this year and increasing with increasing enrollment), and (c.) up to 50% of the student activity fee (most likely never to be used).

(2.) That before any money ever be taken from the student activity fee for field house payments, any other available funds in addition to field house revenues and the building fund be used.

(3.) "That if any part of the student activity fee be used for debt service any year, the same will be repaid out of any available funds as soon as possible."

(4.) "That on any refinancing any continued pledge of percentage of student activity fee will be resubmitted to Central Board."