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

Cameron went over the proposed 1953-54 budget — which calls for a decrease from last year's budget of 3.5 from Outside Entertainment, and which calls for an increase for Dramatics of .5, Debate and Oratory of .6, Band of .5, Publicity Travel of .4, Women's Intramural Sports of 2.2, and Venture of 1.3. Percentage distributions (according to size) would then be as follows: Athletics...1.8, Sentinel...1.5, Accounting...5.5, Kaimin...6.3, General Fund...6, Dramatics...3.5, Debate and Oratory...3, Men's Intramural Sports...2.2, Outside Entertainment...2, Band...2, Publicity Travel...1.9, Women's Intramural Sports...1.5, AWS...1.3, and Venture...1.3.

Henne raised the possibility of using the 1.3% for Venture to start up a campus humor magazine similar to those at other universities instead of for Venture. She said that a number of students had asked her to bring up such a suggestion, and she said that she felt that more students would enjoy such a humor magazine. In the following discussion it was pointed out that Venture is also a benefit to the writers; and it was suggested that more humor be incorporated into the Venture magazine.

Brennan said that she thought that the Debate and Oratory percentage was too high for a school of our size, and comments were made that students would rather see the money go to the Band, Dramatics, or Publicity Travel. Cameron pointed out that special funds granted to Debate and Oratory during the last few years have totaled about 3% each year, and he suggested that a stipulation be made that Debate and Oratory get no more than the 3%. He emphasized that fewer debators can appear at more schools on less money as compared to the band. Lambros said he thought it would be best for Debate and Oratory to get a smaller percentage and then ask for more funds if needed. Anderson said he thought that a larger percentage for the band instead would lead to increased campus approval. However, in this respect, Lambros pointed out that the student body is not always right.

Commenting on other increases and needs, Cameron pointed out that the Band increase would enable it to take a trip every year instead of every two years. The increase for Dramatics would help to meet additional costs for possible moving into the Student Union next year and might enable some convention attendance. Past actions of careful spending besides need justify the increase for Women's Intramural Sports, he said. Men's Intramural Sports also need more funds, and so does the Publicity Travel Committee, he said.

A recommendation was presented from Budget and Finance Committee to the effect that financial arrangements be made to contract Horace Heidt and his 50-piece talent show for May 30. ASMSU would pay costs of about $400 and would secure 35% of gross profits. Tickets would sell at about $3, $2.40, and $1.80; and students could sit in the side sections at a special rate of $1. Campus auditions as well as downtown ones would be held May 24, and two contesting numbers (with no more than three people in a number — not counting an accompanist) would be selected for each performance. Brennan moved that the recommendation be accepted, Henne seconded, and the motion was carried. Cameron offered to act as publicity chairman, but Central Board decided to wait and see if a junior or underclassman would like to take the job — as a person with such experience could be of some help in publicity work around the campus next year.

Under brief announcements and business: Doug Anderson pointed out that publicity and ticket sales for the Junior Prom featuring Johnny Reitz weren't going well. (more)
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It was emphasized that the dance would not be formal. A vote was taken concerning where the Central Board banquet should be held, and the Pines received the most votes. Henne mentioned that Traditions Board might need more money — as for track trophies. And Cameron pointed out that funds would be provided to send the four newly elected ASMSU officers to a PSPA convention at Tucson, Arizona.

Attention then turned to the Constitutional Revision Committee proposals for by-law changes. Shanahan moved that Division I, Article IV, Section 2 be altered to read: "The permanent freshman elections shall be held upon the call of the president of ASMSU six weeks after the beginning of actual work in fall quarter. The committee had previously recommended that the period of time be eight weeks. Abbott seconded the motion, and it was passed.

In Division II, the following motions were made: Cameron moved that Article IV concerning the Convocations Committee be deleted and that the functions of this committee be relegated to a Student Faculty Committee. Henne said he understood that faculty members are chairmen of Student Faculty committees and said that she felt that the continuation of the present plan with a student chairman would be the best. Cameron said that the student chairman on the committee had little actual responsibility. Shanahan then seconded the motion, and it carried.

Discussion next centered around the proposed revision of Article VI, Section A, concerning the M Book Committee. The proposal was that "This committee shall consist of five members of ASMSU appointed by Publications Committee and approved by Central Board. Though some indecision was expressed, Central Board felt that the ASMSU president should continue to appoint the M Book Committee. No motion was made.

Brennan moved that Article VII, referring to the Outside Entertainment Committee, be eliminated and that that committee and its functions be turned over to the Social Committee. She also moved that Article IX, referring to the Social Committee, be altered to read: "This committee shall be composed of the Vice-President of ASMSU, as chairman, and two sub-chairmen, to be appointed by Central Board. Four other members of the committee will be appointed by Central Board, two to serve under each sub-chairman. (1) One sub-chairman shall have charge of Community Concerts. (2) Another will be in charge of all ASMSU social functions. This person will also handle all outside entertainment." Some doubt was expressed over the wisdom of these motions, and the group questioned whether such action would lead to difficulties in securing sub-committee heads. Brennan pointed out that such a change would give the Vice-President more needed responsibility, would take much of the burden of social responsibilities off of the president, and could result in better coordination involving the same numbers of workers. Tascher seconded, and these motions were carried.

Cameron moved that Article X, Section C, concerning the abandoned tradition of freshman "Green Day," which was last held three years ago, be eliminated. Jones seconded. The motion was defeated. Discussion centered around the reviving of "Green Day" and making it a responsibility of the newly elected spring officers. Henne moved that "Each spring" be added to the first part of the Section C. Abbott seconded, and the motion was carried. Henne agreed to draw up some stipulations concerning "Green Day," to be voted upon as by-laws.

Brennan moved that Article X, Section D, Clause 1 be amended to read: "The cheer leaders shall be appointed by Central Board upon recommendation of Traditions Board. The Yell King or Queen will be chosen by the cheer leaders. Henne seconded, and the motion was carried.

Brennan moved that Article X, Section D, Clause 3, 4, and 6 concerning the ASMSU yell staff be eliminated. Jones seconded, and the motion was carried. Henne agreed
to draw up another set of recommendations for by-laws concerning the yell staff.

Brennan moved that Article X, Section D, Clause 5, also concerning the yell staff, be changed to Clause 2 and be amended to read: "The cheer leaders will receive white varsity weight sweaters to be used throughout the year. The sweaters will be awarded to them after their services." Henne seconded, and the motion was carried.

Next, considerations were given to the proposal that Article XI be eliminated. This article refers to the Student Ideas for University Betterment Committee, a class officer organization which is about the same as Gripe Board. Shanahan said he was against dropping such a committee until and unless some other definite responsibilities be specified for the class officers. He mentioned that the responsibilities listed for this committee now overlap on to the responsibilities of other campus committees, and the organization of class officers is therefore not very effective. It was suggested that the Constitutional Revision Committee proposal for adding Article VIII to the ASMSU constitution could be substituted for this committee. The result would lead to the formation of class social committees with monthly meetings and definite projects. Class secretaries would be in charge of activity interest cards. No official action was taken on these proposals.

Cameron moved that Article XII (mistakenly listed on page 84 as Article VII) concerning the defunct Approvements Committee be eliminated. Shanahan seconded, and the motion was carried.

Consideration was given to the possibility of adding a new Article XII concerning Publicity and Travel Committee. This committee would be in charge of publicity for the university. No action was taken on this proposal. (Secretary's note: On May 7, 1952 this motion was passed in more complete form as Division II, Article XIII — not Article III as listed in the publication of changes of ASMSU by-laws since the 1950-51 M Book)

In Division III, the following motions were made: Brennan moved that in Article I the following be deleted: "Freshmen and sophomores will not be allowed to hold office." Abbott seconded, and the motion was carried.

Consideration was given to the proposal that Article I, Section B be altered to describe what was actually in effect: "Each member of the band who has served for three consecutive quarters shall be entitled to a band emblem. Each senior member who has served for twelve quarters shall be entitled to receive an engraved pen." There was some question as to whether pens or pins would be involved, and as no members of the Constitutional Revision Committee were present, the matter was postponed.

Cameron moved that Division II, Article V concerning the Debate and Oratory Committee as an ASMSU committee, be directly transferred to form a new Article III in Division III (which deals with ASMSU organizations other than its specific committees). Abbott seconded, and this motion carried. Cameron then moved that Section C formerly also of Division II, Article V be added to the new Division III, Article III, amended as follows: "To be eligible for a debate and oratory letter one must have participated in at least six intercollegiate debates during the school year. To be eligible for a gold key, a student must be of Junior standing and must have competed in sixteen intercollegiate debates, six of these being in the last scholastic year. Two demonstration debates will be considered equal to one intercollegiate debate." Also in this motion, Cameron moved that Clause 1, section a and b of this same Section C be deleted. Jones seconded, and this was carried.

Being no further business (thank Heaven's!), the meeting was then adjourned.