1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - November 16, 2005

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

5. PRESIDENT’S REPORT
   a. GFAF Awards
   b. Students First!
   c. Open Senate Spot
   d. Other

6. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT
   a. Committee Appointments/Removals
   b. KBGA @ 8:30 a.m. Thursday
   c. Holiday Party
   d. Spring Semester Committee Reorganization
   e. Winter Break Contact Information
   f. Open Senate Seat(s)
   g. Other

7. BUSINESS MANAGER’S REPORT
   STIP - $120,129.32
   SPECIAL ALLOCATION - $12,883.48
   ZERO-BASE CARRYOVER - $116,042.03
   a. Dodge Ball Special Allocation Request - $43.50/$43.50
   b. Dodge Ball STIP Request - $472.27/$472.27
   c. Hayes STIP Travel Request - $1,539/$1,539
   d. Other

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
   a. SB21-05/06 Resolution Supporting a Random Left Wing Cause - in committee
   b. SB22-05/06 Resolution to adopt a COT ASUM Liaison - in committee

10. NEW BUSINESS

11. COMMENTS

12. ADJOURNMENT
## Senate Members
- Andrew Bissell
- Josh Buchman
- Jed Cox
- John Dawson
- Derek Duncan
- Brent Epperson
- Cassidy Gardenier
- Andrea Helling
- Denver Henderson
- Casey Hogue
- Cedric Jacobson
- Patrick Johnson
- Ryan Knobloch
- Ryan Nalty
- Jesse Piedfort
- Jake Pipinich
- Jessica Prongua
- Ross Prosperi
- Brent Rasmussen
- Kari Samuel

## ASUM Officers
- Brad Cederberg
  - President
- Leslie Venetz
  - Vice-President
- Vinny Pavlish
  - Business Manager

## Faculty Advisors
- Professor Anderson
- Professor Ausland
Chair Venetz called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. Present: Cederberg, Venetz, Pavlish, Bissell, Buchman, Cox, Dawson (6:16), Epperson, Gardenier, Helling, Henderson, Hogue (6:09), Jacobson, Johnson, Knobloch, Nalty, Piedfort, Pipinich, Prongua, Prosperi (6:10), Rassmussen (6:16) and Samuel (6:06). Excused was Duncan.

The November 16, 2005, minutes were approved as written.

Public Comment
* Eric Webster spoke against banning bicycles on campus.
* Jake Connell spoke against banning bicycles on campus.
* Jake Childers spoke against banning bicycles on campus but stressed the need for making it safer for bicycles and pedestrians.
* Jesse Piedfort indicated his intention to ask for a suspension of House Rules later in the meeting to discuss a resolution that is time sensitive.
* John Cuddy spoke in favor of bicycles on campus to encourage their use, as they offer good exercise, which promotes good health.

The Chair recognized the presence of Senators Dawson and Rasmussen.

President’s Report
a. Talk to Cederberg for information on the Great Falls Advertising Federation.
b. Cederberg will share a Students First! design next week.
c. There will be three vacancies on Senate next semester. Applications are due January 27.
d. MAS forwarded two names to Governor Schweitzer for the position of student regent.

Vice President’s Report
a. The following committee appointments were moved and passed: Elections - Andrea Helling (Chair), Leslie Venetz, Jake Pipinich, Nate Ziegler. Four students-at-large are still needed for the committee.
b. Senator Pipinich will represent ASUM on KBGA Thursday morning.
c. The Senate holiday party will be at Jakers this Friday at 6:30 p.m.
d. Senators interested in serving on different committees in the Spring should talk to Venetz. With Senator resignations, there will be some reorganization.
e. Senators were asked to encourage friends to apply for Senate vacancies.
f. Senators Gardenier and Jacobson were wished a Happy Birthday.
g. A sign-up sheet was circulated for Senators to put contact information for winter break.

Business Manager’s Report
STIP - $120,129.32
SPECIAL ALLOCATION - $12,883.48
ZERO-BASE CARRYOVER - $116,042.03
(Changed order)
a. Dodge Ball Special Allocation (changed from STIP) request for $472.27 passed.
b. Dodge Ball Special Allocation request for $43.50 passed.
c. Office Manager Hayes STIP staff development Travel request for $1,539 passed.
Committee Reports
a. Safety Ad Hoc (Nalty) - They discussed campus lighting and emergency phones.
b. Relations and Affairs (Pipinich) - They will meet Thursday evening.
c. Assistant Director for Leadership and Development Search Committee (Helling) - They will reopen the search in the Spring.
d. Transportation Board (Piedfort) - They are discussing the north side location of the park 'n ride and whether they can afford to keep it open. They will be talking to VP Duringer about funding at their next meeting.
e. Recycling Oversight (Prosperi) - A competition among dorms is being organized.

Unfinished Business
To see a list of resolutions in their entirety with the action taken on them, please go to: www.edu/asum/government/resolution.htm
a. SB21-05/06 Resolution Supporting a Random Left Wing Cause - in committee
b. SB22-05/06 Resolution to adopt a COT ASUM Liaison - in committee

New Business
a. Resolution to amend Bylaws
b. Resolution to amend Fiscal Policy
c. Resolution regarding bikes on campus
d. Resolution regarding student regent position

Comments
The meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Carol Hayes
ASUM Office Manager
Resolution Opposing the Inclusion of Sections 6201-6207 (Miscellaneous Amendments Relating to Mining) of H.R. 4241 in the final version of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005

Whereas, the U.S. House of Representatives passed H.R. 4241, the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005, on November 17th;

Whereas, Sections 6201-6207 of H.R. 4241 lift a 1994 moratorium on the sale of public lands to individuals or corporations that stake a mining claim on that land under the 1872 General Mining Law;

Whereas, although proponents argue that selling any lands in National Parks and other protected wilderness areas is specifically prohibited in the bill, Section 6207 qualifies the ban as being "subject to valid existing rights," leaving open the possibility of development on 903 unpatented mining claims on National Park land and other claims in protected wilderness areas;

Whereas, proponents admit they arrived at their claim that only 360,000 acres could be affected by consulting with only the U.S. Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Department of the Interior, despite the fact that most federal land, including more than ten million acres in Montana, is managed by the U.S. Forest Service under the U.S. Department of Agriculture;

Whereas, officials in the Department of Interior and the Bureau of Land Management estimate that as much as 20 million acres of public land could be put up for sale under the new rules;

Whereas, states could lose revenue they currently receive from the state share of royalties gained on resource extraction on public lands if those lands are privatized;

Whereas, a study by the U.S. General Accounting Office found that nearly 80% of lands claimed by mining claims were never used for mining-related activities, and many were resold and used for other types of development, including residential and commercial;

Whereas, students at The University of Montana routinely take advantage of the recreational opportunities provided by nearby public lands;

Whereas, the abundance of public lands in Montana and the recreational opportunities and aesthetic benefits they provide is the primary incentive emphasized by The University of Montana to market the university to nonresidents;

Whereas, the version of the Deficit Reduction Act passed by the U.S. Senate did not include the mining amendments, and this and other differences will be negotiated on in a House/Senate joint conference committee that will begin convening on December 6th;
Whereas, action by the Associated Students of The University of Montana (ASUM) Senate on this issue will encourage student participation in the political process by drawing attention to direct connections between public policy-making and the quality of life students enjoy;

Therefore, Let it be Resolved that ASUM opposes Sections 6201-6207 of H.R. 4241;

Therefore, Let it be Further Resolved that the ASUM Senate directs the ASUM Student Political Action (SPA) Director and SPA Committee to take action urging the members of Congress on the House/Senate joint conference committee to exclude Sections 6201-6207 of H.R. 4241 from the final version of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005.

Authored by: Senator Jesse Piedfort