ASUM SENATE AGENDA
April 19, 2006
UC330-331 – 6 p.m.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 10, 2006
4. PUBLIC COMMENT
5. PRESIDENT’S REPORT
   a. Aber Day Update
   b. Governor Schweitzer’s Listening Tour – Thursday @ 2:30 p.m. in the University Theatre
   c. Other
6. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT
   a. Committee Appointments/Removals
   b. KBGA @ 8:30 a.m. Thursday – President Cederberg
   c. Election Announcement Posters – post by Friday
   d. Center for Leadership Development/ASUM Banquet MANDATORY – Thursday, April 27 @ 6 p.m.
   e. Senate Reception MANDATORY – Wednesday, May 3 @ 5:30 p.m.
   f. Textbook Questions
   g. Indexing
   h. Other
7. BUSINESS MANAGER’S REPORT
   STIP - $112,783.92
   SPECIAL ALLOCATION - $3,896.21
   ZERO-BASE CARRYOVER - $116,042.03
   a. Students for Economic & Social Justice Special Allocation Request - $168.20/$168.20
   b. ASUM Aber Day Special Allocation Request - $303/$303
   c. Kyi-Yo Special Allocation Request - $3,454.50/$1,175
   d. UM Forensics Special Allocation Request - $309/$309
   e. ASUM Legal Services STIP Request (Staff Travel) - $2,041/$2,041
   f. Other
8. COMMITTEE REPORTS
9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
   a. SB41-05/06 Resolution to change ASUM Bylaws Article V, Section 2, Subpoint 1 – in committee
   b. SB48-05/06 Resolution regarding Montana State Board of Regents’ Policy Section 940.12.1 – unanimous do pass
   c. SB49-05/06 Resolution Welcoming Governor Brian Schweitzer during the Board of Regents Selection Process – unanimous do pass
   d. SB50-05/06 Resolution in Support of Inflationary Indexing – in committee
e. SB51-05/06 Resolution to support the Hiring of a Sustainability Coordinator - unanimous no recommendation
f. SB52-05/06 Resolution to Encourage The University of Montana Change Oval Usage Policy - unanimous do pass
g. SB53-05/06 Resolution in support of Mansfield Library's Extended Library Hours - unanimous do pass
h. SB54-05/06 Resolution Opposing Current Montana Department of Transportation Drafts

10. NEW BUSINESS

11. COMMENTS

12. ADJOURNMENT
### Senate Members

- Kofi Abaidoo
- Josh Buchman
- Jed Cox
- John Dawson
- Derek Duncan
- Brent Epperson
- Shawna Hagen
- Andrea Helling
- Denver Henderson
- Casey Hogue
- Trevor Hunter
- Cedric Jacobson
- Ryan Knobloch
- Ryan Nalty
- Bill Orsam
- Jake Pipinich
- Jessica Prongua
- Ross Prosperi
- Kari Samuel
- Ashley Sparano

### ASUM Officers

- Brad Cederberg (President)
- Leslie Venetz (Vice-President)
- Vinnee Pavlish (Business Manager)

### Faculty Advisors

- Professor Anderson
- Professor Ausland

### Roll Call

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**Date:** April 19, 2006
Chair Venetz called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m. Present: Cederberg, Venetz, Pavlish, Abaidoo, Buchman, Cox, Dawson, Epperson, Hagen, Helling, Henderson, Hogue, Hunter (8:54), Jacobson, Knobloch, Nalty, Oram, Pipinich, Prongua, Prosperi, Samuel and Sparano. Excused was Duncan.

The April 10, 2006, minutes were approved as written.

Public Comment
a. Ben Courteau - Supported SB54, opposing the MDOT Arthur Avenue plan.  
*Bob Giordano of Missoula Institute for Sustainable Transportation supported SB54 and encouraged Senate to attend a hearing about the plan Tuesday at 6:30 P.M. in the UC. There is also a citizen plan for a roundabout at the location.  
*Luke Thomas is interested in putting up a one-page website for ASUM candidates and would like the go-ahead on the plan.  
*Professor Phil Condon of EVST as Chair of the Sustainable Campus Committee spoke in favor of SB51 supporting the hiring of a coordinator.  
*Scott Gauthier suggested Bryce Bennett drop grievance against Dawson.  
*Allie Harrison, UC Board student-at-large member, spoke for fee indexing.  
*Senators were invited by Woodsmen Team members to attend Forestry Days this Friday and Saturday at Fort Missoula.  
*John Meyer spoke on May Day as the International Day of Worker Solidarity and encouraged Senate to support the request to cover audio rental costs. His group is working to get the minimum wage raised.  
*Meredith Printz of University Dining Services spoke in support of a sustainability coordinator.

President’s Report
a. (Moved from Vice President’s Report) Vice President for Student Affairs Teresa Branch thanked ASUM for considering fee indexing, which is based on the average of the Consumer Price and the Higher Education Price Indecies.  
b. Cederberg gave an Aber Day update and encouraged all to attend. Volunteers are needed. University Relations is making a donation. “The Trail” is giving air time to Cederberg. Shirts are available, and a new order is coming. There will be a final meeting at 5 p.m. Friday.  
c. The Governor will be at the UC Theater Thursday at 2:30 p.m. Cederberg will give him Senate suggestions for the next regent selection.

Vice President’s Report
a. There were no committee appointments/removals.  
b. Henderson will represent ASUM on KBGA Thursday morning.  
c. Venetz asked Senators to distribute the election posters by Friday.  
d. The Center for Leadership Development/ASUM banquet will be held Thursday, April 27, at 6 p.m. This is mandatory.  
e. A reception for the new Senate will be held from 5:30-6 p.m. Wednesday, May 3rd, immediately preceding the meeting. This is mandatory.  
f. Textbook survey questions may be added to course evaluations.  
g. Venetz noted her support for the indexing resolution coming as a seconded motion from the UC Board. She will be offering two amendments.

Business Manager’s Report
STIP - $112,783.92  
SPECIAL ALLOCATION - $3,896.21  
ZERO-BASE CARRYOVER - $116,042.03  
a. Students for Economic and Social Justice’s Special Allocation request for $168.20 was approved with unanimous consent on a motion by Cox.
b. ASUM Aber Day Special Allocation request for $303 passed after a motion for approval by unanimous consent met with objection and a previous question call by Pipinich was objected to.
c. Kyi-Yo’s Special Allocation request for $3,454.50 was amended to $1,175 and approved with unanimous consent on a motion by Knobloch.
d. Forensics’ Special Allocation request for $309 was approved with unanimous consent on a motion by Hogue.
e. ASUM Legal Services' STIP request (staff travel) for $2,041 was approved with unanimous consent on a motion by Cox.

Committee Reports

a. UC Board (Helling) - Helling-Samuel moved SB50-05/06 Resolution Supporting Automatic Fee Increases for the University Center & Campus Recreation (Exhibit A), coming as a seconded motion from UC Board, as a replacement for SB50-05/06 Resolution in Support of Inflationary Indexing. UC Board felt a Memo of Understanding was necessary as a part of the resolution and so wished to return to Venetz’s original document with amendments. A motion by Venetz-Knobloch to insert “At this time Campus Recreation and University Center management shall be responsible for providing a justification of the fee increase” at the end of the fourth bullet and also accept the UC Board amendments to the original document passed after a previous question call by Cox. A motion by Venetz-Cederberg to insert “and a student referendum” at the end of the fifth bullet failed. The resolution as amended passed 18-2 on a roll call vote (see Tally Sheet) after a previous question call by Helling.

A motion by Helling-Epperson for a five-minute unmoderated caucus failed. The Chair called for a five-minute break.

b. Relations and Affairs (Pipinich) - SB48 - unanimous do pass; SB49 - do pass; SB50 - no quorum for discussion; SB51 - unanimous no decision; SB52 - unanimous do pass; SB53 - unanimous do pass.
c. Parking Review (Hogue) - Parking fees were discussed.
d. COT Dean Search (Helling) - Candidate reviews in progress.
e. Provost Search (Helling) - Reviews will begin soon.
f. SPA (Buchman) - A fundraising event is being planned.
g. Music Union (Oram) - Lobbying is finished. Allocations will be made Friday.
h. Tobacco Task Force (Oram) - Discussed no smoking areas. Impossible to cite people for infractions.
i. Day of Dialogue (Helling) - Set for October 18 to talk about diversity.
j. Transportation (Abaidoo) - Volunteers are needed for Walk & Roll Week.
k. ASCRC (Prongua) - General Ed issue was recommitted. They discussed foreign language and writing issues.
I. Writing (Oram) - Discussion continues of PSC course designation.
m. Elections (Hagen) - Three grievances discussed were brought to Senate. Hagen-Cederberg moved to allow Helling-Jacobson ticket to reprint exact number of posters that were defaced. There was an objection to Cox’s motion to approve with unanimous consent. The original motion passed after a previous question call by Pipinich. Shawna-Epperson moved to have Dawson remove his posters referring to support by College Democrats and College Republicans, which is untrue. After a previous question call by Hogue, the motion passed. A motion by Hagen-Cederberg to remove signs of candidates who were unsuccessful in the primary election failed after a previous question call by Dawson. A motion by Pavlish-Cederberg to start the General Election at 12:01 a.m. Wednesday and end it at 8 p.m. Thursday passed after a previous question call by Cederberg. A motion by Pavlish-Cederberg to move #41 in the primary results Martin August III up to #40
Due to Kellan McDonald’s withdrawal from the election passed after a previous question call by Pavlish. A motion by Hogue-Samuel to prohibit candidates who go over the spending limit from taking their position on Senate passed. A motion by Hagen-Epperson to remove from the general election ballot those who turned in expense forms late failed after a previous question call by Pavlish passed.

n. Provost Search (Venetz) – They will meet Friday at 3:30 p.m. She would like to see the search put off until fall and slow things down.

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. SB41-05/06 Resolution to change ASUM Bylaws Article V, Section 2, Subpoint 1 – in committee
b. A motion by Venetz-Knobloch to remove SB50-05/06 Resolution in Support of Inflationary Indexing from the docket passed. (The replacement Memo of Understanding was discussed under Committee Reports.)
c. SB48-05/06 Resolution (Exhibit B) regarding Montana State Board of Regents’ Policy Section 940.12.1 was moved by Helling-Samuel and was approved with unanimous consent on a motion by Nalty.
d. SB49-05/06 Resolution Welcoming Governor Brian Schweitzer during the Board of Regents Selection Process (Exhibit C) was moved by Helling-Cox and was approved with unanimous consent on a motion by Pipinich.
e. SB51-05/06 Resolution to support the Hiring of a Sustainability Coordinator (Exhibit D) was moved by Hogue-Helling. A motion by Helling to approve with unanimous consent met with objection. A motion by Venetz-Jacobson to strike “full-time” in the eighth and tenth paragraphs passed. A motion by Pipinich to approve with unanimous consent met with objection. After a previous question call by Helling, the amended resolution passed.

The Chair recognized the presence of Senator Hunter.

f. SB52-05/06 Resolution to Encourage The University of Montana Change Oval Usage Policy (Exhibit E) was moved by Cox-Dawson. At the request of Helling, “Staff Senate President Michelle Crow” was added in the last paragraph to receive a copy of the resolution. The resolution passed.
g. SB53-05/06 Resolution in support of Mansfield Library’s Extended Library Hours (Exhibit F) was moved by Cox-Helling and approved with unanimous consent on a motion by Knobloch.
h. SB54-05/06 Resolution Opposing Current Montana Department of Transportation Drafts (Exhibit G) was moved by Helling-Cox and passed after a previous question call by Hagen.

New Business
a. Resolution thanking Professor Tunde Adeleke
b. Resolution censuring Senator Pipinich
c. Resolution for textbooks a part of student evaluations
d. Resolution to amend Bylaws Article IV
e. Resolution censuring Senator Epperson for email campaigning

Comments

The meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Carol Hayes
ASUM Office Manager
Resolution Supporting Automatic Fee Increases for
the University Center & Campus Recreation

Whereas, the University Center and Campus Recreation derive the bulk of their financial support from student fees;

Whereas, the money generated from fees is crucial to the continued operation of both units;

Whereas, the expenses associated with personnel, operating expenses, utilities, and facility maintenance continue to escalate;

Whereas, sound business practice dictates that inflationary increases should be sought in the student fees annually;

Whereas, it is acknowledged that putting forth proposals for fee increases is labor and time consuming for all parties;

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, the Associated Students of The University of Montana support the following Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the ASUM and the UM Division of Student Affairs regarding the annual automatic indexing of student fees to support the University Center and Campus Recreation.

Memorandum of Understanding Between the ASUM and the UM Division of Student Affairs

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is between the Associated Students of The University of Montana (ASUM) and the UM Division of Student Affairs. This MOU will be valid upon endorsement from the UC Board and Campus Rec and Sports Committee and approval from ASUM and the Vice President for Student Affairs, as indicated by the signatures below, and will only be nullified with the expressed consent of the student body through a referendum or ASUM with a 2/3 vote of the Senate. This agreement is subject to approval by the President of the University and the Montana Board of Regents.

This MOU acknowledges that it is most likely that there will be a need for some inflationary increase in the University Center and Campus Recreation student fees (excluding the UC Renovation Fee) every year, and that this is a natural and appropriate outcome of doing business. As such, any inflationary increase will be implemented subject to the following guidelines:

There is no expectation of any programmatic or service level increase as a result of the inflationary increase: this is the cost of maintaining current service levels in the face of inflation.
Increases will be determined based upon all relevant indices—i.e., CPI (Consumer Price Index) and HEPI (Higher Education Price Index) as well as projected assumptions for expenses associated with salaries, benefits, operating, utilities, and facility maintenance.

Proposed fee increases up to 3.5% will require recommendation by the unit and endorsement by the respective advisory board (University Center Board for the University Center and Campus Rec & Sports Committee for Campus Recreation).

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Management of the University Center and Campus Recreation will be required to present a financial report to ASUM in October of each year.

This agreement shall be reviewed by all parties in Fall 2008 and at four-year intervals thereafter to determine its effectiveness.

Signed:

Brad Cederberg/Date
ASUM President, 2005-2006

Andrea Helling/Date
Chair, UC Board, 2005-2006

Teresa Branch/Date
Vice President for Student Affairs

Candy Holt/Date
Director, University Center

Keith Glaes/Date
Director, Campus Recreation

Tom Whidden/Date
Chair, Campus Rec & Sports Committee

Passed 4/19/06
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Keith Glaes
Director, Campus Recreation
WHEREAS, The Montana State Board of Regents of Higher Education Policy and Procedures Manual guides operating policies and procedures of the Board of Regents:

WHEREAS, Section 940.12.1 of said manual states: “Approval of a schedule of fees and tuition will be done once every other year; generally in the meetings of May or July of odd numbered years. Requests for approval of fees or tuition at other times will only be entertained upon a demonstration of extenuating circumstances.”

WHEREAS, the Senate of the Associated Students of The University of Montana (ASUM) has generally made every effort to abide by Regents’ policies:

WHEREAS, the biennial budgeting process described above is followed by all Montana University System departments and administrative bodies:

WHEREAS, many decision makers in ASUM are not aware of the specifics of this policy:

WHEREAS, awareness of this policy could dramatically influence budget decisions for ASUM and its agencies:

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT the Associated Students of The University of Montana agree to follow Montana State Board of Regents Policy Section 940.12.1,

LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to ASUM Agency Directors.

Authored/Sponsored by: ASUM President Brad Cederberg

Approved with unanimous consent 4/19/06
RESOLUTION WELCOMING GOVERNOR BRIAN SCHWEITZER DURING THE
BOARD OF REGENTS SELECTION PROCESS

WHEREAS, The Senate of the Associated Students of The University of Montana unanimously passed Resolution SB45-05/06, a Resolution Requesting Representation in the Board of Regents Selection Process:

WHEREAS, Governor Schweitzer has planned a series of meetings at various Montana University System campuses to gather input regarding the new appointment to the Montana State Board of Regents of Higher Education:

WHEREAS, such a meeting is scheduled to be held at The University of Montana campus on April 20, 2006, at 2:30 in Main Hall and will provide a venue for UM students to give valuable student input in the process:

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT the Associated Students of The University of Montana thank Governor Brian Schweitzer for working to include students in the Board of Regents selection process and offer to assist in any campus meeting or forum that would help him accomplish this goal:

LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED THAT the Senate of ASUM directs the Student Political Action Director to contact the Governor’s office to offer to assist with the planned forum:

LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to Governor Schweitzer and the Governor’s Education Policy Advisor.

Authored/Sponsored by: ASUM President Brad Cederberg

Approved with unanimous consent 4/19/06
Resolution to Support the Hiring of a Sustainability Coordinator

Whereas, there are several student groups that are working towards making the campus more environmentally sustainable;

Whereas, student groups would be more productive with a campus organizer to coordinate efforts, research and pursue grant opportunities;

Whereas, the Director of Residence Life, Ron Brunell, has worked towards increasing energy efficiency in the dorms on campus;

Whereas, The University of Montana may be foregoing alternative revenue is losing money by not taking advantage of grant opportunities;

Whereas, Federal funds, in the form of grants, were made available in previous Congressional sessions to encourage projects that promote sustainability on campus;

Whereas, energy efficiency measures save students money by reducing wasted electricity;

Whereas, President Dennison created the Sustainable Campus Committee with the expressed purpose of increasing campus sustainability;

Whereas, after extended deliberation, the Sustainable Campus Committee has made the executive recommendation that the best way to increase sustainability on campus is to hire a full-time Sustainability Coordinator;

Therefore, Let It be Resolved that ASUM supports the Sustainable Campus Committee’s recommendation; and,

Let It Be Further Resolved that ASUM urges President Dennison to hire a full-time Sustainability Coordinator; and,

Let It Be Further Resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to President Dennison and Executive Vice President Jim Foley.

Authored by: Senator Denver Henderson

Sponsored by: Senator Andrea Helling

Passed 4/19/06
Resolution to encourage The University of Montana
Change Oval Usage Policy

Whereas, at The University of Montana there is a want to allow for
more visibility for freedom of speech;

Whereas, The University of Montana’s primary goal is to educate;

Whereas, the goal to educate in and outside the classroom should not
be hindered;

Whereas, protest and other demonstrations further the education of
contemporary issues;

Whereas, protests can add to the diversity of ideas upon the campus;

Whereas, the use of the Oval is limited under Facilities Use Policy
80.0;

Whereas, protests cannot unreasonably interfere with the classroom
instruction;

Whereas, the enforcement of prohibiting unreasonable interference
protects the right to an educational environment;

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved that ASUM encourages President Dennison
and/or
Executive Vice President Jim Foley to make changes to the Facilities
Use
Policy 80.0 by making the Oval a Free Speech Zone similar to the Mall
that would allow demonstrations on the Oval during traditional
classroom hours and would allow
disruptive demonstrations after that time and/or on non-academic days.

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved that this resolution be sent to
University of Montana President George Dennison, UM Event Planning,
and The
Staff Senate President Michelle Crow, and
University of Montana Faculty Senate Chair Joe Crepeau.

Authored by: Jedediah Cox, ASUM Senator

Passed
4/19/06
Resolution in support of Mansfield Library’s Extended Library Hours

Whereas, the Associated Students of the University of Montana’s mission statement declares that we diligently work to provide quality education for all The University of Montana;

Whereas, The University of Montana is committed to a program of equal opportunity for education;

Whereas, not every student on campus has a personal computer and access to the Internet;

Whereas, the rising cost of tuition is escalating the population of students without a personal computer and household Internet access;

Whereas, the Missoula community doesn’t provide a public affordable venue to access the Internet beyond the University of Montana’s computer lab hours and the Mansfield Library hours;

Whereas, student’s limited access to the Internet and its resources therein significantly disadvantage their opportunity for academic success;

Whereas, the Mansfield Library’s extended library hours offers 20 extra hours of general library access and more importantly internet access on a weekly basis;

Whereas, 6,425 users have attended Mansfield Library’s extended hours between January and March 2006;

Whereas, no negative incidents have been reported during extended hours at Mansfield Library;

Whereas, over 750 users have utilized the extended morning hours and over 5,500 users have utilized the extended evening hours at the Mansfield Library;

Whereas, the use of the extended hours at Mansfield Library has progressively increased from January 2006 to February and from February to March 2006, leading us to believe that use will continue to rise as the extended hours become more widely known;

Therefore let it be resolved that the Associated Students of the University of Montana support Mansfield Library’s Extended Hours Pilot Program and encourages the administration to continue funding the extended hours in perpetuity;

Let it be further resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Interim Dean of Libraries Erling Oelz and the University of Montana’s President George Dennison, Vice President Robert Duringer, and Vice President of Student Affairs Teresa Branch.

Authored by: Senator Ross Prosperi

Passed 4/19/06
Resolution Opposing Current Montana Department of Transportation Drafts of the Arthur Avenue Project

Whereas, the ASUM Resolution SB48-04/05 called for a public meeting in order for the student body and the general public to comment on the project;

Whereas, the meeting held in response to the above mentioned resolution was held in early April 2005;

Whereas, there was considerable student and public opposition to the Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) preferred alternative design of the Arthur Avenue project, specifically to the large size of the proposed road expansion;

Whereas, the road width proposed for Arthur Avenue between 5th and 6th Streets in the MDT preferred alternative design is 100 ft, which is wider than Reserve Street and would make the 5th and Arthur intersection the largest in Missoula;

Whereas, the current preferred alternative for the project will cause significant disruption of pedestrian and bicycle safety, decrease safety for pedestrians and bicyclists, and create an environment conducive to increased motor vehicle speeds;

Whereas, the ASUM Office of Transportation Board, after reviewing the draft environmental assessment submitted by MDT, has concluded that the draft environmental assessment has failed to adequately address the concerns of the student body and general public and has failed to meet all the specified goals of the project;

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved that the Associated Students of The University of Montana (ASUM) do not support either option proposed in the draft environmental assessment of the Arthur Avenue project submitted by the Montana Department of Transportation.

Authored by: Benjamin Courteau, Student at Large

Sponsored by: Senator Kari Samuel and Senator Kofi Abaidoo

Passed 4-19-06