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ASUM SENATE AGENDA
Wednesday, December 3, 2008
COT Room 1 - 6 P.M.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 12, 2008
4. PUBLIC COMMENT
5. PRESIDENT’S REPORT
   a. Mountainside chat with Mick Hanson, UM Financial Aid Director
   b. Sonny Kless, UM Revolving Loan Fund Proposal
   c. Board of Regents Re-Cap
   d. MAS Thank You
   e. ASUM Press
   f. The Carnegie Foundations Professor of the Year, Garon Smith
   g. Retiring Senator’s
   h. Creation of ASUM Governing Document Revision ad-hoc Committee
   i. Legislative Swearing In – January 5th, 2009
   j. Next ASUM Meeting – January 28th, 2009
   k. Other
6. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT
   a. Committee Appointments/Removals
   b. KBGA
   c. Adopt-a-family
   d. Renter’s rights Panel
   e. Board of Regents meeting – Helena, January 7
   f. MUS Legislative Budget presentation – Helena January 21-23
   g. Other
7. BUSINESS MANAGER’S REPORT
   SPECIAL ALLOCATION – $15,914.84
   STIP – $185,273.14
   TRAVEL SPECIAL ALLOCATION – $21,920.29
   ZERO-BASE CARRYOVER – $152,712.76
   S.T.I.P Requests
   Women’s Resource Center
      1) Purchase of Ram $26.99/$26.99 on 4-0-1
      2) Network Coverage $162/$162 on 4-0-1
   ASUM Legal Services
      1) Scanner $395.99/$395.99 (unanimous)
      2) Computer Networking $315/$315 (unanimous)
      3) Printer $105/$105 (Unanimous)
      4) Software Upgrade $97.97/$97.97 (unanimous)
      5) Staff Education $125/$125 (unanimous)
ASUM Childcare
  1) Replacement Blinds $350/$350 (unanimous)

Emergency Travel Requests ($511.70 available)
UM Geology Club
  1) National Monument trip $432/$350 (unanimous)

Other
  a) Budgeting Schedule Updates
  b) Fiscal Policy Revisions
  c) Travel Allocations due February 4th. (Update groups)
  d) B&F vacancy
  e) Other

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS
9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
   a. SB28 08/09 Resolution Regarding Faculty Ordering Textbooks
      Early
   b. SB29 08/09 Resolution Regarding Classified Staff Wages
   c. SB30 08/09 Resolution Regarding Russell’s Supply

10. NEW BUSINESS
11. COMMENTS
12. ADJOURNMENT
Chair Smillie called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. Present: President Hunter, Vice President Smillie, Business Manager Gosline, Professor Smith; and Senators Brockman, Cheung (7:15), Dempersmier, Dusek, Fennell, Hamilton (7:00), Haupt, Kaliyeva, Kettering (6:23), Leftridge, Martin, May, Newman, Spear, Stusek, Tangjaipak (7:15), Wilke, and Zolnikov. Excused: Senator Sjostrom.

The minutes for the November 12, 2008 meeting were approved.

Public Comment – none

President’s Report
   a. Mountainside Chat – Mick Hanson, UM Financial Aid Director
   b. Sonny Kless discussed the UM Revolving Loan Fund proposal.
   c. Board of Regents will be reconvening via conference call December 4 from 1:30-2:30 in President Dennison’s office.
   d. President Hunter extended thanks to MAS for their hard work.
   e. ASUM Press
   f. Professor Garon Smith was awarded the Carnegie Foundation’s Professor of the Year award.
   g. President Hunter thanked the retiring senators for their service.
   h. A motion by Hunter/Brockman to create an ASUM Governing Document Revision ad-hoc Committee over Christmas break passed with unanimous consent.
   i. Swearing in of the new legislature will take place on January 5, 2009.
   j. The next ASUM meeting will be January 28, 2009.

A motion by Sjostrom to go to Committee Appointments and Removals passed unanimously.

Vice President’s Report
   a. Committee Appointments/Removals – There will be a shifting of committees with the change of semesters. VP Smillie requested senators contact her if there are certain committees they wish to be on.
   b. Senator Fennell will be speaking on KBGA at 8:40 a.m. on December 4.
   c. Adopt-a-Family
   d. There will be a renter’s rights panel at 4 p.m. at the UC Theater and senators’ participation is requested.
   e. The next Board of Regents meeting will be January 7 in Helena.
   f. The MUS Legislative Budget presentation will take place in Helena on January 21-23. ASUM might take a bus if enough senators express interest in going. The University of Montana presents on January 22.

Business Manager’s Report
   a. S.T.I.P. Requests
1. Women’s Resource Center (WRC)
   - A motion to approve WRC’s request for $26.99 passed by Voice Vote (VV).
   - A motion to approve WRC’s request for $162 passed by VV.

2. ASUM Legal Services
   - A motion to approve Legal Services’ request for $395.99 for a scanner passed by VV.
   - A motion to approve Legal Services’ request for $315 for computer networking passed by VV.
   - A motion to approve Legal Services’ request for $105 for a printer passed by VV.
   - A motion by Brockman/Kaliyeva to table Legal Services’ request for $97.97 for software upgrades passed by VV.
   - A motion by Dempersmier-Martin to table Legal Services’ request for $125 for staff education passed by VV.
   - A motion to approve Legal Services’ request for $39.99 for a digital voice recorder passed by VV.

3. ASUM Childcare
   - A motion to approve Childcare’s request for $250 for replacement blinds was approved by VV.

b. Emergency Travel Request
   1. UM Geology Club
      - A motion to approve the Geology Club’s request for $350 for a National Monument trip passed with unanimous consent by VV.
   c. All senators must attend lobbying on March 1, 2009 from 5-10 p.m. Budgeting will take place March 23-26.
   d. Business Manager Gosline is working on amendments to the Fiscal Policy. If any senators want to add any amendments, they are asked to contact BM Gosline.
   e. Travel Allocations are due by February 4, and Business Manager Gosline requests that all senators inform their student groups.

Committee Reports

a. Student Employment (Smillie) – The senators were asked to contact VP Smillie if they had any ideas to help the committee.

b. Tobacco Task Force – The committee will be convening October 2009 to discuss the issues of drugs, alcohol, and indoor smoking.

c. Transportation (Tangjaipak) – The committee met December 2. A fundraiser will be taking place where, for every 2 bikes bought on campus, 1 bike is sent to Africa. There will also be a six-hour shadow bus in the spring.

Chair Smillie recognized the presence of Senators Cheung, Hamilton, Kettering, and Tangjaipak.

d. Bitterroot Junior College – General auxiliaries will be paid for with the student fee through Sonny’s program.

e. College of Technology – Governor’s budget is $24 million for building. Regent Professor Distinction.
f. Faculty Senate – Committee will be meeting December 4 to take up two of ASUM’s issues: (1) the removal of averaging grades and (2) amending the add/drop deadline. A motion by Dempersmier-Kaliyeva to approve as a slate passed by VV.

g. Relations and Affairs (Fennell) – The committee gave a do-pass recommendation to SB28, SB29, and SB30. A motion by Smillie-Dempersmier to approve all amendments to the senate bills as a slate passed with unanimous consent called by Dusek.

h. University Center (May) – The UC Board met on December 1 to discuss and make changes to the budget.

i. Academic Standards and Curriculum Review Committee (ASCRC) (Hunter) – The committee met just prior to Senate to discuss enrollment management. They discussed the possibility of increasing retention rates by increasing enrollment GPA from 2.5 to 2.7. A subcommittee is working on the issue.

j. (Zolnikov) – An intern is needed in Helena or at the University of Montana to go see legislation and meet with the senators and representative of Montana.

Unfinished Business

a. A motion by Gosline-Leftridge to approve SB28 passed with unanimous consent called by Gosline.

b. A motion by Hunter/Dempersmier to approve SB29 passed with unanimous consent.

c. A motion to approve SB30 passed 14-6 by Roll Call Vote (RCV). (see Tally Sheet)

New Business

1. Resolution amending Fiscal Policy
2. Resolution regarding Dead Week
3. Resolution regarding IGBQ legislation
4. Resolution regarding online graduation application process
5. Resolution regarding online major-change form
6. Resolution regarding ASUM marketing and public relations

Comments

The meeting was adjourned at 9:51 p.m.

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