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1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - September 16, 2009

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

5. PRESIDENT’S REPORT
   a. Photographer Todd Goodrich
   b. Recommendation of Anthony Edwards for Student Political Action Director
   c. Mountain-side Chats:
      - Barbara Koostra, Director of the Montana Museum of Art and Culture
      - Jim Hirstein, Accreditation Steering Committee
   d. Board of Regents recap
   e. Event:
      - Academic Strategic Plan town hall meeting October 1 from 3 – 5 p.m. in GBB123
   f. Other

6. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT
   a. Committee Appointments/Removals
   b. KBGA
   c. Ad hoc committee on diversity
   d. Ad hoc committee on Students First
   e. Office Hours
   f. Start! Heart Walk
   g. UM Productions
   h. Other

7. BUSINESS MANAGER’S REPORT

   SPECIAL ALLOCATION - $17,235.00
   STIP - $213,061.75
   TRAVEL SPECIAL ALLOCATION - $18,000.00
   ZERO-BASE CARRYOVER - $166,461.24

   a. Honors Student Association Special Allocation request - $1100.00/$300.00
   b. Students for Economic & Social Justice Special Allocation Request - $130.00/100.00
c. Indigenous Filmmakers’ Club Special Allocation request - $750.00

d. Travel Allocations - slate of recommendations

e. Other

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. SB4-09/10 Resolution regarding The Forest Jobs and Recreation Act of 2009

b. SB5-09/10 Resolution regarding Climate Change Legislation

10. NEW BUSINESS

11. COMMENTS

12. ADJOURNMENT
Chair May called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Present: President Fennell, Vice President May, Business Manager Armstrong; Senators Barhaugh, Carson, Chuang (6:05), Davis, Dusek, Engum, Guilhemotnia, K. Kettering, M. Kettering, Kilts, Mariani, Rhea, Rose, Smartt, Stovall, Summers, Torti, Wilke. Senators Brewer and Williams were excused.

The minutes from the September 16, 2009 meeting were approved as corrected.

Public Comment
*Zach Porter spoke about his concern over the state of public lands in Montana and asked the Senate to support Senator Tester’s Forest Jobs and Recreation Act (S-1470) and SB4. Also speaking in support of S-1470 and SB4 were Heather Day, for whom the protection of the watershed is also important, and Leo Brett, who also spoke in support of the forest products industry.
*Molly Collins, Assistant Director for Student Involvement and Leadership Development, provided the weekly University Center (UC) recap. Upcoming events include: the Art Gallery opening for Brett Svetlick 10/2 from 5 - 7 p.m., two movies this weekend; Speed Dating in the UC Ballroom on 10/5; Student Groups 101 on 10/6; Upright Citizens’ Brigade on 10/7; and the UC Art Fair from 10/8 - 10/10.
*Kris Lange, Business Manager for the Honors Student Association, spoke in favor of the Special Allocation request for the 10/10 Homecoming Dance.
*Faith Dawson and Justyn Field raised three issues on behalf of the special services and needs of the Alliance for Disability and Students at the University of Montana (ADSUM) program. First, is the need for a fully functioning and accessible computer. Second, is the need for funding of First Call Computer Solutions assistance. Third, is a request for a new policy which would allow students who have difficulty using the Recreation Center to use the New Directions Wellness Center in the Skaggs Building as it has specialized equipment and is designed for people with special needs.
*Jared Trilling, current chair of MontPIRG, extended an invitation to the Senate to attend the group’s organizational meeting at 6 p.m. 10/1.
*Michael Billington spoke in favor of S-1470 and SB4.
*Michael Franks spoke in favor of S-1470 and SB4.
Owen Weber spoke in favor of S-1470, SB4 and SB5.
Kassia Randzio spoke in favor of SB4.
Zach Porter, speaking on behalf of UM Climate Action Now spoke in favor of endorsing the federal American Clean Energy and Security Act legislation.

The chair recognized the presence of Senators Chuang and Summers.

President’s Report
a. The student group introduction for the week was moved from the Vice President’s Report to the top of the President’s Report in order to accommodate the schedule of the speakers. Sandra Nokes, Outreach Coordinator, and Janet Smith, Intern, for the Women’s Resource Center (WRC) talked about the center as a resource for men and women on campus and the various educational events which the center sponsors. There will be a WRC-sponsored exhibit in conjunction with the Day of Dialogue, three Sex and Gender lectures in November and the upcoming Love Your Body Day.
b. Photographer Todd Goodrich was unable to make the meeting and will be rescheduled.
c. Senator Barhaugh, chair of the Interview Committee, talked about the committee’s meeting and debate which resulted in the recommendation of Anthony Edwards to fill the position of Director of the Student Political Action (SPA) office. Anthony was introduced and answered questions posed by the Senate. A motion was made by Fennell-Wilke to approve Anthony Edwards as the new SPA Director. There was an objection to a call for unanimous approval and the motion passed 18 - 2 on a roll call vote (see Talley sheet).
d. Mountain-side Chats:
   1. Barbara Koostra, Director of the Montana Museum of Art and Culture (MMAC), shared information about the 10,000 art objects and artifacts which make up the permanent international collection of the MMAC, including works by many historical and well-known artists. Founded in 1894, the MMAC is only able to display .5% of its collection at any one time. Currently, MMAC is sponsoring the exhibit of Pulitzer prize-winning photographs, “Capture the Moment.”
   2. Jim Hirstein, chair of the Accreditation Steering Committee, handed out an update (Exhibit A) on The University of Montana’s (UM) current accreditation process. The UM is scheduled to be evaluated in April of 2010.
e. Board of Regents meeting recap: ASUM received approval for a new bus barn. A highlight of the meeting was a two-hour presentation on the Strategic Finance and Outcomes-Based Allocation System exploring options for making higher education more efficient. A workgroup is forming and it would be good for students to participate. Visit www.mus.edu for a link to a brainstorming list. A Montana Association of Students election was held and Matt Fennell was elected President.

f. Senators were encouraged to attend the Academic Strategic Plan Town Hall meeting 10/1 from 3 – 5 p.m. in GBB 123 as student involvement is needed.

g. The Hello Walk in front of Turner Hall will be painted by students and alumni with international versions of “hello” the Friday of Homecoming, 10/16, from 1:30-2:30 p.m.

h. An ASUM Child Care poster hanging in the UC has been mutilated for the second time. President Fennell passed around one of the posters with the face of an African American child’s face scratched out and called for an end to this kind of absolutely unacceptable vandalism.

**Vice President’s Report**

a. Committee appointments and removals were moved as a slate by Dusek-Davis and passed with unanimous consent on a motion by Rhea (Exhibit B).

b. Erik Rose will be the first Senator of the semester to speak on behalf of ASUM during the KBGA radio Thursday morning program.

c. An ad hoc committee on diversity has been formed in order to make ASUM a more welcoming body. It will research diversity issues, collaborate with various student and community groups, and work on education and research. A signup sheet was passed around for interested Senators.

d. An ad hoc committee on Students First will brainstorm outreach methods for the Students First campaign and focus on tactics for educating students about ASUM. The committee might also work on the Know Your Rights campaign, time permitting. A signup sheet was passed around for interested Senators.

e. Vice President May reminded Senators that the signup sheet for ASUM office hours is next to the Senate mailboxes.

f. Saturday, 10/3, the Start! Heart Walk will take place from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and all were invited to join a team.

g. UM Productions was recently featured in a national magazine.
h. The Revolving Energy Loan Fund and Academic Standards and Curriculum Review Committees have openings.
i. Vice President May would like to schedule an informal meeting for the Senate and asked that Senators provide times when they are available.
j. The Missoula City Council will be voting on zoning regulations Monday, 10/5, at 7 p.m. and Senators were encouraged to attend.

Business Manager’s Report

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a. The Honors Student Association Special Allocation request was forwarded to Senate by Budget and Finance (B & F) for $300.00. May-Fennell moved to amend line 621 and change the amount to $150.00. With no more discussion Dusek-M. Kettering moved to vote. The Special Allocation was approved for a total of $250 by unanimous consent.
b. The Students for Social and Economic Justice Special Allocation request for $130.00 was forwarded to Senate by B & F for same. Fennell-Barhaugh moved to amend line 625 to $35.00. Davis called previous question which was approved by unanimous consent on a motion by Rose. The amendment passed on a voice vote and a total of $65.00 was approved with one dissenting vote.
c. On a motion by Fennell-Rhea the Indigenous Filmmakers’ Club Special Allocation request for $750.00 was tabled.
d. A motion by Wilke-Stovall to consider the Travel Allocations individually instead of as a slate passed with unanimous consent.
   1. The Hillel Travel Allocation recommendation for $121 passed with unanimous consent.
   2. The Club Ultimate – Women’s recommendation for $416.52 was approved.
   3. The Air and Waste Management recommendation for $240.00 was approved.
   4. May-Fennell moved to amend the Physical Therapy Student Association recommendation to $260.00. Wilke-Rhea moved to suspend House Rules in order to consider amending Fiscal Policy in order to establish a set percentage to be awarded for each Travel Allocation request. After discussion of the proposal, Barhaugh-Fennell moved to restore House Rules and this was
approved unanimously on a motion by May. The amendment passed on a voice vote.

5. **May-Guilhemotonia** moved to amend the Portland, OR Forensics Club recommendation to $330.00 and this was approved unanimously. All three Forensics Travel Allocations were approved on a motion by **Rhea-Davis:** Portland, OR - $330.80, Tacoma, WA - $295.00 and Topeka, KS - $424.00.

6. There was no discussion of the Forestry Student Association recommendation of $173.40 which passed unanimously.

7. **Fennell-Rose** moved to add $213.00 to the Woodsman Team recommendation for Motor Pool. The two allocations passed unanimously for $213.00 and $897.00.

8. The B & F recommendation for no funding of the American Humanities request passed with no discussion.


10. **May-Rose** moved to add $150.00 for personal car expenses to the Indigenous Filmmakers’ Club recommendation. Previous question was called by **Davis** which failed 9 - 8 on a roll call vote (see Tally sheet). The amendment failed on a voice vote and a motion to table by **Wilke-Dusek** passed.

11. **Davis-Summers** moved to amend the registration fees of the Delta Rho Tau recommendation to $1000.00 which failed on a hand count. **Davis-May** moved to add $1000.00 to lodging expenses. **Kilts-Dusek** moved to amend the amendment to $550.00 which failed on a roll call vote (see Tally sheet). **Kilts-Rhea** moved to amend the amendment to $700.00. Previous question was called by **Rhea** and approved unanimously. The amendment to the amendment for $700.00 passed on a voice vote. A total allocation of $820.00 was approved unanimously.

12. **Barhaugh-Engum’s** motion to consider the recommendations for the Geography Club ($90.00), Conservation Voters ($155.00) and Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship ($171.60) as a slate was unanimously approved, as were the requests.

**Committee Reports**

a. Board on Members (Wilke) - **Dusek-Stovall** motion to approve the slate of new student groups passed unanimously (Exhibit C).

b. Transportation (Rhea) - A bike count is underway to determine where additional bike racks are needed.
c. Relations and Affairs (Dusek) - SB4 and SB5 received unanimous do pass recommendations.

d. Interview (Barhaugh) - selected Anthony Edwards as the applicant to recommend as the new SPA Director.

e. Off-Campus Renter Center (Smartt) - met to brainstorm a survey for students.

f. Music Union (Stovall) - The committee is investigating why there is a $350 charge to have lights turned on when musicians need to rehearse.

g. UC Board (Carson) - looking for another Student At Large.

Unfinished Business

a. SB4-09/10 Resolution regarding The Forest Jobs and Recreation Act of 2009 (FJRA) - President Fennell appointed Zach Porter an ex-officio member of the Senate for the purpose of discussion. Zach discussed why conservationists support FJRA and provided a handout (Exhibit D). Both Zach and Kassia Randzio spoke in support of SB4 and answered questions posed by Senators. Kilts called previous question and the Resolution passed unanimously.

b. SB5-09/10 Resolution regarding Climate Change Legislation - a motion by Dusek-Fennell to recommitt passed on a voice vote.

New Business

a. Resolution amending Personnel Policy
b. Resolution amending House Rules
c. Resolution amending Transportation Board Bylaws
d. Resolution regarding the National Equality March on Washington, D.C.
e. Resolution amending ASUM Bylaws
f. Resolution regarding tobacco

Comments

The meeting adjourned at 12:04 a.m.

Phoebe Hunter
ASUM Office Manager