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ASUM SENATE AGENDA  
Wednesday, February 9, 2011  
UC 330/331 – 6 P.M.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 2, 2011

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

5. PRESIDENT’S REPORT
   a. Mountainside Chats:
      1. Linda Green, Health Enhancement Director, Curry Health Center
      2. Nancy Wilson, Director, ASUM Office of Transportation
      3. Arlene Walker-Andrews, Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education and Policy
   b. March 3 – 4 Board of Regents Meeting in Helena
   c. Jen Gursky, ASUM Lobbyist update
   d. Other

6. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT
   a. Committee Appointments/Removals
   b. KBGA – Senator Yerger
   c. Other

7. BUSINESS MANAGER’S REPORT – none

   SPECIAL ALLOCATION – $15,488.26
   STIP – $140,542.29
   TRAVEL SPECIAL ALLOCATION – $11,404.63
   ZERO-BASE CARRYOVER – $184,547.52

   a. Spring Travel Allocations
   b. Other
8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
   a. SB14-10/11 - Resolution Regarding Transportation Fee
   b. SB15-10/11 - Resolution Regarding Indexing

10. NEW BUSINESS

11. COMMENTS

12. ADJOURNMENT
Chair Stovall called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Present: President Williams; Vice President Stovall, Business Manager Hanson; and Senators Amatuzio, Baker, Berry, Carson, Cochran, DeSoto, Gustin, Hoggatt, James, Klapmeier, Mackey, Mariani, Rhea, Sanders (6:02), Sims, Spika, Suzuki, Wren and Yerger.

The minutes from the February 2, 2011 meeting were approved.

Public Comment

- Simon Apostol, member of the ASUM Office of Transportation (ASUMOT) Board, reminded the Senate of the important services ASUMOT provides students. He pointed out that what students get from ASUMOT for their money is inexpensive, especially compared to other universities.

The chair recognized the presence of Senator Sanders.

- Devin Carpenter, of the University Center (UC) Office for Student Involvement, provided the update of UC events: Speed dating, February 10, in the UC North Ballroom from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Take a Break Tuesday will feature beading on February 15, from noon to 1:00 p.m. in the UC Atrium.

- Bridger Bukantis, speaking on behalf of ASUM Student Political Action, encouraged everyone to speak out to their congressional representatives in support of funding for higher education.

- Coreen Weintraub provided an update of MontPIRG activities. MontPIRG’s two lobbyists in Helena have been testifying in support of voter rights and renewable energy.

President’s Report

a. Mountainside Chats:
1. Linda Green, Curry Health Center Health Enhancement (CHCHE) Director, described the various programs in place to promote healthy lifestyles for students. Among these are CARE (Condom Access for Responsible Encounters); Help Someone Help Yourself Suicide
Prevention; IGNITE: Informing Griz Nation in Tobacco Education; and the alcohol education program, The Booze Brothers. As the prevention arm of Curry Health Center, CHCHE emphasizes peer education and relies heavily on student employees and volunteers.

2. Arlene Walker-Andrews, Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education and Policy, addressed the Revised Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities Accreditation Standards. She highlighted the five Core Themes of Standard One: Partnering for Student Success, Education for the Global Century, Discovery and Creativity to Serve Montana and the World, Dynamic Learning Environment and the Continuum of Planning (Exhibit A).

3. Nancy Wilson, Director of the ASUM Office of Transportation (ASUMOT), explained the need for an increase of the Transportation fee and what it would be used for (Exhibit B). ASUMOT runs an inexpensive and efficient bus service but demand keeps growing and the program is constantly playing catch up (Exhibit C).

b. President Williams is excited that so many senators signed up to attend the next Board of Regents (BOR) meeting, March 3 - 4, in Helena. She will send an email confirmation to those planning to attend.

c. Jen Gursky, ASUM lobbyist, reminded the Senate that Student Lobby Day in Helena is February 21. She encouraged everyone to contact their representatives and urge their support of funding for the College of Technology. The website for Project Vote Smart is an easy way to research what’s going on in the Montana Legislature and to send messages to representatives. One of the bills Lobbyist Gursky has testified against is HB354 that would allow landlords to not be required to provide carbon monoxide detectors in rental apartments.

d. Representatives of the FBI, Homeland Security, and the U.S. Attorney for Montana met with UM Legal Counsel David Aronofsky, Director of ASUM Legal Services Annie Hamilton, Dean of Students Charles Couture, ASUM President Ashleen Williams, and several Muslim students to discuss ground rules for international students attending The UM who get arrested. One UM student, for example, was arrested while attending class on campus, held incommunicado and driven around to unknown locations for 14 days before being returned to his apartment in Missoula. A forum on the rights and responsibilities of international students is being planned for April.
Vice President’s Report

a. Committee Appointments/Removals – A motion by Suzuki-Sims to approve the slate of appointments and removals passed unanimously on a voice vote (Exhibit D).

b. Senator Yerger will appear on the KBGA program, ASUM Live, Thursday, February 10. Senator Sanders volunteered for the February 17 program.

c. Senators were asked by Vice President Stovall to write down the names of the student groups they have not yet contacted as part of their liaison duties. Senators are to continue their efforts to contact their groups.

d. Vice President Stovall thanked the senators who have been showing up for their office hours. Those who have not will be making up their hours over the next two weeks.

e. Vice President Stovall still needs schedules from senators who have not turned them in yet.

Business Manager’s Report

a. A motion by Rhea-Suzuki to reduce the Budget and Finance committee (B&F) A Single Suit Travel Allocation Request recommendation from $2.91 to $0.00 passed with unanimous consent on a motion by Sims. The allocation of $0.00 passed unanimously following a previous question call by James.

b. A motion by James-Suzuki to increase the Japanese Student Association Travel Allocation Request B&F recommendation by $49.53 passed on a voice vote. A motion by James-Sims to approve the allocation as amended for a total of $157.53 passed on a voice vote.

c. A motion by Berry-Sanders to approve the remaining B&F Travel Allocation Requests as a slate passed on a voice vote (Exhibit E).

Committee Reports

a. Relations and Affairs (Suzuki) – The committee considered three resolutions at its most recent meeting. SB14-10/11 and SB15-10/11 were given do-pass recommendations. SB16-10/11, a resolution regarding the tagging of penguins for research purposes, was tabled indefinitely.
b. Transportation (Rhea) – The committee met recently and discussed the Transportation Fee resolution (SB14-10/11). The committee also discussed the possibility of providing solar-powered lighting for bus stops.

c. Board on Members (Gustin) – There was objection to a motion by Williams-Hanson to approve the list of student groups recommended for recognition as a slate. The motion then passed unanimously on a voice vote.

d. Magic (G. Wiz) – The committee chair coached the senators in the use of spells to magically convert the contents of some beakers of liquid to ice.

e. Interview (Mariani) – Interviews of candidates for the open Senate position will be held 8 a.m. February 13.

Unfinished Business
a. SB14-10/11 – Resolution Regarding Transportation Fee (Exhibit F) – A motion by Sims to amend lines 52 - 54 was accepted as friendly. A motion by Berry-Suzuki to add the wording: “Whereas an increase to the ASUM Transportation Fee would allow ASUMOT to offer bus services to the West campus COT; Whereas currently West Campus COT students pay a fee and don’t currently receive service;” failed 12 - 9 on a roll call vote (see Tally Sheet). A motion by Suzuki to amend lines 56 and 57 was accepted as friendly. A motion by Sims to amend lines 59 and 60 was accepted as friendly. The resolution as amended passed unanimously following a call of previous question by Sims.

b. SB15-10/11 – Resolution Regarding Indexing – A motion by Hanson-Suzuki to approve the resolution passed unanimously on a voice vote. (Exhibit G)

New Business
a. Resolution regarding SB280
b. Resolution regarding legislative session
c. Resolution regarding revisions
d. Resolution regarding HB392
e. Resolution regarding West Campus COT exhaust system
f. Resolution amending fiscal policy
g. Resolution regarding penguin treatment
h. Resolution regarding ASUM Transportation fee
i. Resolution regarding referendum language
j. Resolution regarding Curry Health Center fee  
k. Resolution regarding Indexing Referendum language  
l. Resolution regarding land and Recreation Act  
m. Resolution regarding accreditation  

Comments

The meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

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