1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - JANUARY 28, 2004

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT
   a. Board of Regents Deadline
   b. MAS Issues
   c. HAVA Grant Request
   d. MontPIRG Policy
   e. Other

6. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT
   a. Committee Appointments/Removals
   b. KBGA
   c. Basketball Game
   d. Other

7. BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT
   Special Allocation - approx. $10,808.51
   Travel Special Allocation - approx. $12,160
   STIP - approx. $100,000
   Zero-Base Carryover - approx. $77,000
   a. ASUM Administration - STIP request $149.99/$149.99
   b. ASUM Administration - STIP request $1,528.24/$1,528.24
   c. SB41-03/04 Resolution to Amend Fiscal Policy, Section 14
   d. Other

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS
9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
To see a list of resolutions in their entirety with the action taken on them, please go to http://www.umt.edu/asum/government/resolution.htm
a. SB28-03/04 Resolution Supporting Tribal College Student Government Representation within The Montana Associated Students (MAS)
b. SB29-03/04 Resolution to Amend ASUM Bylaws
c. SB30-03/04 Resolution to Send +/- Grading to Student Initiative
d. SB35-03/04 Resolution to Send to Referendum a Constitutional Amendment
e. SB40-03/04 Resolution to formally withdrawn from Montana Associated Students (MAS)
f. SB42-03/04 A Resolution to Join the Montana Youth Vote Coalition In Order to Guarantee That the Student Voice is Heard in the 2004 Elections

10. NEW BUSINESS

11. COMMENTS

12. ADJOURNMENT
SENATE MEMBERS

SOPHIA RENA ALVAREZ
ANDREW BISSELL
TRAVIS COSSITT
BRAD ENGBRETSON
KYLE ENGELSON
ANNA GREEN
CHRIS HEALOW
WILL HOLMES
EMILY JONES
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AARON FLINT
President
GALE PRICE
Vice-President
AVERIEL WOLFF
Business Manager

FACULTY ADVISORS

PROFESSOR ANDERSON

PROFESSOR AUSLAND

ROLL CALL

Resigned
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DATE February 4, 2004
Chair Price called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Present: Flint, Price, Wolff, Alvarez (7:02), Bissell, Cossitt, Healow, Holmes, Jones, Pappas, Pavlish, Rafferty (6:30), Reckord, Van Orden, Welsh, Winkle and Ziegler. Excused was Engelson. Unexcused was Green.

The meeting minutes for January 28, 2004, were approved as posted.

Public Comment - None

President’s Report
a. The deadline for Board of Regents agenda items is February 27. The March meeting will be in Dillon March 25-26.
b. A MAS staff position proposal was distributed.
c. Material on “10 Ways to Fight Hate” is on the coffee table.
d. ASUM and the Office of Civic Engagement have partnered on a HAVA grant request.
e. Flint will submit a research report next week on parliamentarians, with the possibility of a seminar on the topic. A scholarship is available for a summer program on parliamentary procedure.
f. Flint e-mailed Senators a proposal for MontPIRG. He will not move forward with this version if they are opposed to it.

Vice President’s Report
a. The following slate of committee appointments passed on a motion by Price-Wolff: Elections - Cody Atkins; Student Computer Fee - Jesse Lakes; Budget and Finance - Cassie Morton.
b. The following slate of committee removals passed on a motion by Price-Wolff: SPA - Kyle Nelson; ASCRC - Alicia Brault.
b. Van Orden will be the Senate spokesperson on KBGA tomorrow morning.
c. Hayes distributed basketball tickets to those who accepted President Dennison’s invitation to his box. Also, UM Productions issued the Senators an invitation to attend the Victor Wooten performance tonight.
d. On-line election plans are moving forward.

Business Manager’s Report
Special Allocation - approx. $10,808.51
Travel Special Allocation - approx. $12,160
STIP - approx. $100,000
Zero-Base Carryover - approx. $77,000
a. An ASUM Administration STIP request for $149.99 to purchase a chair passed for same.
b. An ASUM Administration STIP request for $1,528.24 for staff travel passed for same.
c. SB41-03/04 Resolution to amend Fiscal Policy, Section 14 (Exhibit A) passed after a previous question call by Jones.
d. Wolff noted that travel lobbying will be from 6-9 p.m. next Tuesday.
Committee Reports

a. ASUM Relations and Affairs (Winkle) - SB40 was discussed, and SB35 was given a "do pass" recommendation.
b. IT (Cossitt) - No quorum.
c. Board on Membership (Pappas) - The following groups were approved for recognition on a motion by Welsh-Wolff: Amnesty International, Model UN, Corps of Cadets, Korean Student Association, Montana Friz, Northern Rockies Model Arab League, Students for Choice, Tying Agriculture and Sustainability to Everyday Eating, UM Chemistry Club, UM Student Veterans Association, Wa Ya Wa American Indian Student Education Association.
d. COT - A new Chair is needed. Contact Price if you are interested.
e. Housing (Price) - A safety issues week was discussed.
f. Interview (Welsh) - Heidi Goettel, a Law School student, was nominated for the Resolution Officer position and will hopefully be up for approval at next week’s Senate meeting. Senate applications have been reviewed, and 12 persons will be interviewed this Sunday.
g. SPA (Jones) - SB42 received a "do pass" recommendation. They discussed a candidate debate. Flint spoke on a Help America Vote grant.

The Chair recognized the presence of Rafferty.

h. Transportation (Pappas) - Earl’s Distributing matched Zip Beverage’s 5-year support of U-Dash with a check for $2,500. A deal for a 25 cents/case of beer match has been made between Earl’s and bars, also, to support U-Dash. Discussions have begun on bike/walk/bus week.
i. UC Board - No meeting this week.
j. University Affairs (Holmes) - There was no quorum this week. The meeting time is Tuesdays at 7 a.m.
k. Suggestion Box (Alvarez) - No report.

Unfinished Business

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a. SB28-03/04 Resolution Supporting Tribal College Student Government Representation within The Montana Associated Students (MAS) was withdrawn.
b. SB29-03/04 Resolution to Amend ASUM Bylaws was withdrawn.
c. SB30-03/04 Resolution to Send +/- Grading to Student Initiative - in committee was tabled on a motion by Welsh-Pappas.
d. SB35-03/04 Resolution to Send to Referendum a Constitutional Amendment (Exhibit B). A friendly amendment by Jones to strike Section 7 and change the wording for two choices to: (1) "I support a proposed amendment to the Constitution that reads: Meetings shall be conducted in accordance with Robert’s Rules of Order and the Chair of the meeting shall only vote to break a tie" and (2) "I support a proposed amendment to the Constitution that reads: Meetings shall be conducted in accordance with Robert’s Rules of Order and the Chair of the meeting shall only vote to make or break a tie" was not accepted. A motion by Jones-Winkle for the
same failed after a previous question call by Pavlish. A motion by Rafferty-Jones to postpone SB35 for one week failed after a previous question call by Pavlish.

The Chair recognized the presence of Alvarez.

SB35 passed 10-5-1 after a previous question call by Cossitt.
e. SB40-03/04 Resolution to formally withdraw from Montana Associated Students (MAS) was withdrawn.
f. SB42-03/04 A Resolution to Join the Montana Youth Vote Coalition In Order to Guarantee That the Student Voice is Heard in the 2004 passed after a previous question call by Jones.

New Business
a. Resolution to amend Personnel Policy
b. Resolution on a +/- referendum
c. Resolution on the MAS lawsuit
d. Resolution to amend Board of Regents policy
e. Resolution to withdraw from MAS
f. Resolution on the Student Resolution Officer position

Comments

The meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Carol Hayes
ASUM Office Manager
Resolution to Amend Fiscal Policy, Section 14.0

Whereas, travel requests and allocations, by and to, ASUM recognized student groups has seen a tremendous increase,

Whereas, lodging requests often make up large portions of a group’s travel budget,

Whereas, dictated by Fiscal Policy, Section 14.0, Item 14.3.B, ASUM is only allowed to budget $12.50 per person (for 4 persons per room) per night, which equals $50.00 maximum,

Whereas, the current appropriation caps have not been changed for many years, hotel costs are now considerably higher than $50.00 per night for 4 people,

Therefore Let It Be Resolved that the Senate of the Associated Students of The University of Montana (ASUM) support the following changes to Fiscal Policy, Section 14.0, Item 14.3.B:

14.3 ASUM rates are:
A. Private Vehicle $.15/mile
B. Lodging (4 persons per room) $50.00 max. ($12.50/person)

Authored by: Senator Robert J. Welsh
Resolution to Send to Referendum a Constitutional Amendment

Whereas, there has been considerable controversy as to the vote on SB27-03/04 "Resolution On Behalf of Academic Freedom and Intellectual Diversity at The University of Montana,"

Whereas, the Vice President, acting as chair of the meeting, exercised the Chair’s right to make a tie, thus failing the resolution,

Whereas, the Vice President, acting as chair of the meeting, is granted the above power under Robert’s Rules of Order, “When there is a tie vote the motion fails, unless the chairman gives his vote for the affirmative, which he is at liberty to do...Where his vote in the negative will make a tie, he can cast it and thus defeat the measure,”

Whereas, Article I, Section 1, sub-point A of the House Rules of the Associated Students of The University of Montana (ASUM) reads, “Unless the ASUM Constitution or Bylaws dictate otherwise, Senate meetings shall be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order,”

Whereas, Article IV, Section 7 of the ASUM Constitution reads, “Meetings shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order and the Chair of the meeting shall only vote in the case of a tie,”

Whereas, the presence of “and” in the above leads to vagueness of interpretation,

Whereas, in order to clarify Article IV, Section 7 of the ASUM Constitution,

Therefore Let It Be Resolved that the Associated Students of The University of Montana support sending the following referendum to the general student population during the Spring ’04 elections.

Article IV of the ASUM Constitution

Section 7. Meetings shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order and the Chair of the meeting shall only vote in the case of a tie.

___ I support the proposed amendment to the Constitution.

___ I do not support the proposed amendment to the Constitution.

Authored By: Senator Robert J. Welsh

Endorsed By: Senator Vinnie Pavlish
A Resolution to Join the Montana Youth Vote Coalition In Order to Guarantee That the Student Voice is Heard in the 2004 Elections

Whereas, University of Montana-Missoula students turn out to vote at some of the highest rates of any university in the country;

Whereas, the Associated Students of The University of Montana has a long history of working in coalition with partners to guarantee that UM students are registered to vote, well-informed, and reminded to get to the polls;

Whereas, organizations are already forming the Montana Youth Vote Coalition to bring together youth-oriented organizations to help with a massive youth vote mobilization effort;

Whereas, working in partnership will prevent problems from duplication of efforts; and,

Whereas, a number of changes were made to Montana election law and ASUM owes it to students to notify them of changes.

Therefore Let It Be Resolved that the Associated Students of The University of Montana do hereby show their support for registering voters by joining the Montana Youth Vote Coalition. As the organization of the coalition becomes clear, the Student Political Action Director and the Student Political Action Committee are hereby empowered to interact with the coalition to pursue ASUM’s goals of student involvement.

Authored by: Matt Singer, SPA Director
Sponsored by: Vincent Pavlish, Senator
Endorsed by: Christopher G. Healow, Senator