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ASUM SENATE AGENDA
Wednesday, December 7, 2011
University Center 330/331 – 6 P.M.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 30, 2011

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

5. PRESIDENT’S REPORT
   a. Mountainside Chat: President Engstrom
   b. Nick Shontz, Information Technology Computer Systems Analyst
   c. Rosi Keller, Associate Vice President of Administration and Finance – Gilkey Executive Education Building
   d. Christmas Party - Phyllis J. Washington Education Building, Saturday, December 10th at 6:30pm
   e. Other

6. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT
   a. Knowing Our Community
   b. Committee Appointments and Removals
   c. Other

7. BUSINESS MANAGER’S REPORT

   SPECIAL ALLOCATION - $14,309.10
   STIP - $182,965.17
   TRAVEL ALLOCATION - $14,891.18
   ZERO-BASE CARRYOVER - $177,213.67

   a. Approval of ASUM Transportation purchase of new buses
   b. ASUM Administration Zero-Base Request - $60,000.00/60,000.00
   c. Other
8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
   a. SB19-11/12 – Resolution Regarding The Wilderness and Roadless Area Release Act, HR1581
   b. SB20-11/12 – Resolution Regarding Arabic Minor
   c. SB21-11/12 – Resolution Regarding Cross-Listing
   d. SB22-11/12 – Resolution Regarding University of Montana Administration
   e. SB23-11/12 – Resolution Regarding Strategic Plan
   f. SB24-11/12 – Resolution Regarding ASUM Mission Statement

10. NEW BUSINESS

11. COMMENTS

12. ADJOURNMENT
Chair Edmunds called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Present: President Gursky, Vice President Edmunds, Business Manager Sims; and Senators Bennett, Boslough, Brown, Coon, Dantic, Haefner, Hohman, Klapmeier, LaFortune, Molgaard, Nielsen, Overturf, Selph, Simpson, Springmeyer, Summers (6:04), Suzuki, Williams, M. and Williams, T. Unexcused: Senator Ellis.

The minutes from the November 30, 2011 meeting were approved.

Public Comment
- Anna Kendall, Sports Union (SU) President, provided a brief overview of the union. The SU has a total of fifteen member teams, including two new ones, Handball and Women’s Lacrosse.
- Marissa Grinestaff, UM Productions (UMP) Director, and Brian Moses, UMP Assistant Concert Coordinator, provided an update of upcoming events (Exhibits A and B). UMP has been serving students’ interests and promoting the arts on campus for 42 years. The UMP office is open 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, and senators were encouraged to stop by, visit and take advantage of any opportunity to get to know UMP, its activities and its organization. There is also a suggestion box available.
- Jayme Fraser, Editor of the Kaimin, asked senators to fill out a survey (Exhibit C) and share any suggestions for change or improvements. The Kaimin has been on campus for 114 years.
- Julie DeSoto, Emily Creasia, Zach Patten, Abbey Isaac and Corey Roberts, students of Arabic, spoke in favor of SB20-11/12. Students want something to show for the hours spent studying Arabic and the establishment of an Arabic Minor would address this.
- Kip Beckwith spoke on behalf of himself and several additional members of the UM Wilderness Association: David Wise, Patrick Rhea, Anton Gabrielson, Lindsay Anderson, Gloria Roe, and Cory Smith, in support of SB19-11/12. The group unanimously supports the opportunity for public comment on Representative Rehberg’s House bill.
- Keith Glaes, Director of Campus Recreation (CR), announced his retirement at the end of the month. Brian Fruit, Assistant Director of CR, will serve at the Interim
Director until a new director is hired following a national search.

President’s Report

a. Mountainside Chat: Royce Engstrom, President of the University of Montana, announced that the establishment of an Arabic Minor is part of the submissions packet for the January 2012 Board of Regents (BOR) meeting. If approved, currently enrolled students would be able to request the Arabic minor retroactively. In a press conference December 2, President Engstrom announced two decisions: the indefinite suspension of the proposed biomass heating plant project and the eventual location of the new College of Technology (COT) building on the south campus golf course as soon as funding is available. The BOR and the office of the Commissioner for Higher Education are working to promote the visibility and role of two-year higher education institutions. One of the strategies is a branding exercise to rename all the COT’s in the state since the current term doesn’t do justice to the actual offerings. The next University Council meeting will be December 13, at 2 p.m., on the third floor of the University Center and senators are always welcome to participate in open comments and discussion on any issue of concern to students, administration, faculty or staff. President Engstrom will be leading a discussion on shared governance at the December 13, University Council meeting.

b. Jamie Robertson and Jon Adams, Information Technology Computer Systems Analysts, have been developing a couple of new applications for students, Community Hub (Exhibit D) and One Stop (Exhibit E), that make use of social networking tools. The most significant difference in One Stop will be the posting of official notices from all over campus that will be specifically relevant to the individual student. Students will be able to customize a list of applications they are interested in and have a dashboard for The University all in one place. New features are also being added to the Academic Planner (Exhibit F). A profile page will provide a summary of a student’s academic status and charts demonstrating academic progress over time will be available. Students will also be able to communicate with their advisors through the site.

c. Rosi Keller, Associate Vice President for Administration and Finance, updated the Senate on the Gilkey Executive Education Center building project (Exhibit G). First
proposed in 2005, the funding is almost in place to allow the project to go forward. Student approval is needed for $920,573 in Student Building Fee (SBF) funds. President Gursky indicated she is not comfortable approving use of the SBF yet and appointed four senators to a subcommittee to work with the Administration on the request.

The Chair recognized the presence of Senator Summers.

d. The Senate Christmas party will now be held on the third floor of Education Building starting at 6:30 p.m., December 10.
e. The ASUM executives will be meeting with President Engstrom’s administrative cabinet December 8, at 7:30 a.m. There is room for any senators interested in attending. Senators unable to attend can let President Gursky know of agenda items they would like to propose.
f. Senator Summers is graduating and has submitted her letter of resignation from the Senate.
g. President Gursky handed out a summary of results from the Strategic Planning (SP) retreat (Exhibit H) and two of the proposals for reorganizing ASUM office space (Exhibit I). President Gursky’s goal is to have the SP document completed and available by the first Senate meeting of spring semester.

**Vice President’s Report**

a. Know Our Community – Riley Gallagher, Paul Nicolette, Yomi Kleinmann and Patrick Johnson of the UM Backcountry Club shared photos (exhibit not available) of a recent backcountry trip partially funded by ASUM. Education of participants, especially with regard to the dangers posed by avalanches, is a priority.
b. Committee Appointments and Removals – none
c. The next University Council meeting is December 13, starting at 2 p.m. in one of the University Center third floor meeting rooms.
d. Vice President Edmunds is working with Rebecca Power, an Administrative Associate in the President’s Office, to compile information from University Committee chairs, a project they hope to complete by spring semester.

A motion by Bennett-Suzuki to take a five minute recess was approved by voice vote.
Business Manager Sims motioned to move his portion of the agenda until after Unfinished Business. There being no objection the motion was approved.

Committee and Board Reports

a. Information Technology (Haefner) - The committee met for the last time this semester earlier in the day and discussed how best to advertise the ASUM webmaster internship position.

b. Transportation (Williams, T.) - ASUM Transportation (AT) has received a proposal from Enterprise to develop a car share program. More information will be available next semester. AT will have an opportunity during the upcoming Powershift conference to showcase its programming.

c. Board on Members (Overturf) - A motion by Simpson-Bennett to approve the slate of student groups recommended for recognition (Exhibit J) passed with unanimous consent on a motion by Suzuki.

d. Relations and Affairs (R&A) (Suzuki) - The committee met December 5, to consider six resolutions. All were given do-pass recommendations.

e. Child Care (Coon) - The board met earlier in the day. The annual Christmas party and sing-along will take place in the University Center atrium from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m., December 8. Senator Springmeyer will be making his debut as Santa Claus.

f. Housing (Williams, M.) - The Housing Board met at 8 a.m., December 2. Notices advertising the five open Neighborhood Ambassadors paid positions are now being distributed (Exhibit K).

g. UM Productions (UMP) (Hohman) - The board is working on rebranding UM Productions and changing the name to ASUM Productions. The board is also looking at ensuring the relevancy of UMP programming to students.

h. University Center (UC) (Dantic) - The grand opening of the new Tech Lounge took place December 5. Percent Night has been approved by University Dining Services. The next board meeting is from 12:30 to 2 p.m., December 9, in the Alumni Boardroom.

i. Outreach/Marketing (Simpson) - The committee met December 5, to discuss goals for next semester. The committee decided to delay launch of the ASUM Newsletter. Development of a new ASUM logo is under discussion.

j. Sustainability (Springmeyer) - The committee is pleased with how the December 1 forum on the proposed biomass plant went. There was a good turn out and good
discussion between students and the panelists. The next meeting is December 9, at 11 a.m.

k. Strategic Planning (Gursky) – The committee has decided to go forward with a new communications/marketing administrative position. There will be additional shifts in staff role descriptions and office space assignments. The new communications/marketing staff person will be responsible for the ASUM marketing, the website, student group communications, supervising a student web intern and possibly a graphic design intern, and serving as the new Senate Secretary. ASUM Sustainability will be moving to the currently vacant Student Political Action office, the ASUM Office Manager will be moving to the current Sustainability office space and the new marketing/communications hire and intern(s) will be moving to the current Office Manager office space.

l. Vice President Edmunds reminded senators that parking will be impossible on campus December 9, because the playoff football game begins at 6 p.m.

m. Wizarding (G. Wiz) – The chair passed around a box of disappearing chocolate bars.

Unfinished Business

a. SB19-11/12 – A motion by Suzuki-Nielsen to approve the resolution passed with unanimous consent by voice vote (Exhibit L)

b. SB20-11/12 – Author Summers provided friendly amendments to lines 52, 53 and 57. A motion by Homan-Williams, M. to approve the resolution as amended passed with unanimous consent on a motion by Suzuki (Exhibit M).

c. SB21-11/12 – Author Suzuki added several names to the list of sponsors. A motion by Nielsen-Bennett to approve the resolution as amended passed with unanimous consent on a motion by Suzuki (Exhibit N).

d. SB22-11/12 – A motion by LaFortune-Nielsen to approve the resolution passed with unanimous consent on a motion by Suzuki (Exhibit O).

e. SB23-11/12 – A motion by Hohman-Suzuki to approve the resolution passed with unanimous consent on a motion by Sims (Exhibit P).

f. SB24-11/12 – A motion by Williams, M.-Suzuki to approve the resolution passed with unanimous consent on a motion by Haefner (Exhibit Q).

Business Manager’s Report
a. A motion by Gursky-Suzuki to approve the purchase of new buses by ASUM Transportation passed with unanimous consent on a motion by Edmunds.

b. A motion by Gursky-Hohman to add two provisions (Exhibit R) to the $60,000.00 ASUM Administration Zero-Base Request (Exhibit S) was approved with unanimous consent on a motion by Suzuki. A motion by Hohman-Williams, M. to approve the $60,000 Zero-Base Request, and recommended by B&F for same, passed with unanimous consent by voice vote.

New Business
   a. Resolutions amending Bylaws (42)
   b. Resolutions regarding strategic plan (5)
   c. Resolution regarding course fees
   d. Resolution regarding ASUM Administration
   e. Resolution regarding collegiate apparel
   f. Resolution regarding car share
   g. Resolutions regarding University Administration (2)
   h. Resolutions amending House Rules (7)
   i. Resolutions amending Fiscal Policy (28)
   j. Resolution regarding Gilkey Education Center
   k. Resolution regarding University carbon neutrality goals
   l. Resolution regarding dead week
   m. Resolution regarding exam dates
   n. Resolutions of recognition (5)
   o. Resolution regarding Personnel Policy
   p. Resolutions regarding University Center (2)
   q. Resolutions regarding confidence (2)
   r. Resolution regarding Montana Grizzly team, coaches and support staff
   s. Resolution regarding UC Red Box
   t. Resolutions regarding Pell Grants (2)
   u. Resolution regarding Grizzly Athletics
   v. Resolutions regarding ASUM internships (2)
   w. Resolutions regarding Montana Associated Students (2)
   x. Resolution regarding University parking situation
   y. Resolution regarding Board of Regents

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Phoebe Hunter