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ASUM SENATE AGENDA  
Wednesday, March 28, 2012  
University Center 332/333 – 6 P.M.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 21, 2012

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT
   a. Agency updates:
      1. Stacy Boman, ASUM Sustainability Coordinator
      2. Marlene Hendrickson and Marissa Grinestaff, UM Productions
   b. Constitutional Review Board (CRB) decision
   c. Montana Associated Students Smart Building Initiative – Zach Brown
   d. Email vote on CRB member replacement
   e. Other

6. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT
   a. Other

7. BUSINESS MANAGER’S REPORT

   SPECIAL ALLOCATION - $13,160.10
   STIP - $187,832.44
   TRAVEL SPECIAL ALLOCATION - $1295.50
   ZERO-BASE CARRYOVER - $164,337.39

   a. Phi Theta Kappa Travel Allocation Request - $482/482
   b. Other
8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
   a. SB46-11/12 – Resolution Regarding Degree Audit Program
   b. SB47-11/12 – Resolution Regarding KRELF Grant Allocations
   c. SB48-11/12 – Resolution Amending Bylaws

10. NEW BUSINESS

11. COMMENTS

12. ADJOURNMENT
Chair Edmunds called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Present: President Gursky, Vice President Edmunds, Business Manager Sims, Professor Smith; and Senators Bennett, Boslough, Brown, Coon, Dantic (6:01), Dickmeyer, Gordon, Hohman (6:01), Klapmeier, LaFortune (6:01), Molgaard, Nielsen, Overturf, Patten, Selph, Simpson, Springmeyer, Suzuki, Williams, M. and Williams, T.

The minutes from the March 21 meeting were approved.

The Chair recognized the presence of Senators Dantic and Hohman.

Public Comment

- Patrick Rhea, Students as MontPIRG, informed the Senate that he met with a group of senators, as well as a Student-at-Large, to discuss the student group’s bylaws. Mr. Rhea led the Senate through the changes approved by the group and also read an email from Annie Hamilton, Director of ASUM Legal Services, regarding the legality of the bylaws (Exhibit A).
- Sam Schmitt, Student Resolution Officer (SRO), walked the Senate through a handout about the SRO office’s progress in the current year (Exhibit B) and also discussed some of the issues facing the office. He urged the Senate to keep those issues in mind while budgeting for the position.

President’s Report

a. Agency Updates
   1. Stacy Boman, ASUM Sustainability Coordinator, led the Senate through a report of the year (Exhibit C). The process to hire a new Sustainability Coordinator will be underway in the near future as Stacy will be graduating in May. The Senate expressed their gratitude for her service.
   2. Marissa Grinestaff, Director, and Jacob Lutz, Event Staff Manager, of UM Productions, spoke about hiring a new director as well as all other annual positions. Director applications are due March 30, by 4 p.m. and applications for all other positions are due Monday, April 9, by 4 p.m.

b. President Gursky handed out copies of the recent Constitutional Review Board (CRB) decision (Exhibit D).

c. Montana Associated Students Smart Building Initiative (Zach Brown) - Senator Brown led the Senate through a draft summary of the initiative (Exhibit E). A resolution is in progress to be on the table for approval in May.

d. President Gursky entered the email vote on the replacement of a CRB member into the formal record (Exhibit F). The vote was 18-4 in favor, which met both the 2/3 and quorum requirements.

e. Global Leadership Initiative had its kick-off on March 26 and 27, and President Gursky was invited to speak at the opening.
f. Graduating seniors can earn $25 in the computer lab on the second floor of the University Center for taking a senior-level assessment for accreditation on March 29, from 6-9 p.m.
g. The University architect has drawn the plans for the office remodel after consulting with Legal Services, and construction is scheduled to start July 1, pending Board of Regents approval.

Vice President’s Report
a. Vice President Edmunds asked two senators to volunteer for the UM Employee Recognition Day on April 20, from 3-5 p.m. in the University Center Ballroom.

Business Manager’s Report
a. A motion by Nielsen-Molgaard to pass Phi Theta Kappa’s Travel Allocation Request was approved for $482 by Voice Vote (VV).

Committee Reports
a. Publications Board (Sims) - The committee will be meeting Friday, March 30, at 11:45 a.m. to interview for the new editor and business manager of the Kaimin
b. Cabinet (Gursky) - The board will be meeting Friday, March 30, at 7:30 a.m.
c. Relations and Affairs (Suzuki) - The committee met on Monday, March 26, to discuss the senate bills on the table. SB46 passed unanimously with a do-pass recommendation, SB47 passed unanimously with a do-pass recommendation, and SB48 passed unanimously with no recommendation.
d. Elections (Suzuki) – The committee met March 27, to answer questions raised in the first of the two mandatory meetings for candidates. The Elections Committee made five decisions (Exhibit G), including the decision that no student groups may endorse a candidate; however individuals, such as the president of a student group, may endorse any candidate they choose. Student groups are forbidden from financing, endorsing, or volunteering for a candidate, but individuals are not banned from doing so. Endorsing a candidate online is acceptable. It is the Elections Committee’s belief that no third-party groups should be affiliated with the ASUM elections.
e. Academic Standards and Curriculum Review Committee (ASCRC) (Molgaard) – The committee met at 2 p.m. on March 27. ASCRC has officially decided to sponsor SB46, and they also discussed a paper on programs affiliated with a department but that do not have their own department. The paper prompted officially moving those programs into a specific department. The committee also will be proposing an alternative to the foreign language requirement motion, the original version of which was officially dismissed.
f. Campus Boards and Recreation (Selph) – The committee met to discuss an internal audit, as well as adding an additional 600 square feet for workout equipment over the summer. They also will be instigating a new computer photo program to ascertain that students are using their own Griz card.
g. Childcare (Coon) – The Committee will be meeting March 30, at 10 a.m. There was a meeting on March 16 with the staff so they could give their opinion on what they would like to see in the new director. The Senate is invited to the March 30 meeting to discuss the position of the director, as well as the input from the staff.
h. University Center (Dantic) – The board met Friday, March 24, to amend their bylaws regarding the length of space allocations (either 1 year term, 2 year term, or term decided by the board). However, the groups will be required to annually sign a memorandum of understanding.

i. Transportation (Williams, T.) – The committee met March 28, at 9 a.m. to discuss their long-range transportation plan. The President-Ride-the-Bus event is taking place the morning of March 29.

j. Marketing and Outreach (Simpson) - The committee met on Tuesday, March 27, to discuss three things: (1) Soup Friday will occur on March 30, from 11:45-1:15 on the second floor of the Native American Center. (2) The committee discussed voting outreach for general elections and informing students about the referenda, as well as voting outreach to the COT. (3) The final item they discussed was the possibility of making a “how to” guide for student groups to do their own marketing.

k. Housing (Williams, M.) – The board met on March 28 with Alex Taft to discuss accessory dwelling units. City Council is planning a committee to deal with all of the zoning and building plans for the city. The Housing Board will be meeting Wednesday, April 4, and the Senate is invited to support the acceptance of accessory dwelling units, which are currently banned in the University District.

l. Board on Members (Overturf) - Students as MontPIRG was tabled last week and an opportunity was presented to meet with Patrick Rhea. The discussion group was unable to reach any meaningful agreements. Board on Members continues to have no recommendation for Students as MontPIRG and wished to renew the issue with the Senate for approval or disapproval. A motion by Suzuki-Bennett to approve the recognition of Students as MontPIRG passed 16-6 by Roll Call Vote (RCV). (see Tally Sheet) President Gursky reread the legal opinion regarding the group’s bylaws and requested they be entered for the record (see Exhibit A).

m. University Athletics (Edmunds) – The committee met to discuss diversity issues, mentoring programs, student sexual assault, the academic accomplishments of student athletes, and national recognition of the program, including the President’s Cup.

n. Implementation Committee for Academic Strategic Planning (Edmunds) – The committee drafted questions for chairs of the various departments to respond to in order to see how they are fitting into the Strategic Plan and partnering for student success. They also discussed how the data will be analyzed once it is collected.

o. College of Technology (COT) (LaFortune) – The committee is attempting to compile data for the next head of the COT committee. Notifications need to be sent to the committee about elections, and Jay Moore is hoping to talk to the newer members about the open seat.

Unfinished Business

a. A motion by Gursky-Williams, M. to approve SB46-11/12 as amended by the author (Exhibit H) passed 20-1 by RCV.

b. A motion by Suzuki-Sims to approve SB47-11/12 (Exhibit I) as amended by the author passed with unanimous consent by VV.
c. A motion by Nielsen-Suzuki to approve SB48-11/12 (Exhibit J) as amended by the author passed with unanimous consent on a motion by Williams, M.

New Business
Resolution amending Bylaws
Resolution regarding accessory dwelling units
Resolution regarding student football season passes
Resolution regarding higher education
Resolution regarding UM ASUM and KRELF collaboration
Resolution regarding Child Care
Resolution regarding strategic plan
Resolution regarding bike parking
Resolution regarding University Center renovation and repair account
Resolution regarding Student Resolution office
Resolutions of recognition (3)
Resolution regarding student mental health support
Resolution regarding the support of all student athletes on campus
Resolution regarding Higher One
Resolution regarding Smart Buildings Initiative

Comments

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

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