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Chair Williams called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. Present: President Hohman, Vice President Williams, Business Manager Hopkins; and Senators Andersen, Bailey, Cain, Chandler, Dolezal, Easwara Murthi, Foster, Frissell, Green (7:40), Haefner, Hazen, Heimlich-Bowler, Ho, Kinda, Kuhn, Lillquist, McKay, Mikkola, Ormseth, Roddy, Schmauch, Simpson, Story, and Thompson. Excused: Senator Boslough. Unexcused: Senator Batey.

The minutes from the August 28, 2013 meeting were approved.

Public Comment - none

President’s Report

a. Mark Loparco, Dining Services Director, gave the Senate an update on Dining Services programs, including Bear Bucks, Farm-to-College, and student group fundraising, as well as various dining plans on campus (Exhibits A-C).

b. Peggy Kerr, Vice President of Integrated Communications, gave an overview of Integrated Communications within the University and discussed connections with the public. She highlighted the various elements associated with Integrated Communications including in television, radio, web, social media, billboards, student, and print outreach.

c. Zach Rogala, Student Regent on the Montana Board of Regents, gave an overview of Performance-Based Funding within the Montana University System (Exhibit D) He discussed various elements that go into Performance-Based Funding, including dealing with the Montana State Legislature, University Staff & Faculty, and Students.

d. Professors Elizabeth Hubble and Chris Fiore discussed the updates given to the Personal Empowerment Though Self Awareness (PETSA) program. They shared about how these updates are driven by the agreement between the Department of Justice and the University. Professor Fiore gave a heads up about a survey coming up in October concerning the cultural climate of the University. Professor Hubble gave an update about training for faculty and staff in regards to antidiscrimination. Professor Hubble also gave an update about the grant from the Office on Violence Against Women for the newly created position of Campus Assault Prevention Coordinator. There will be campus visits on September 24 and October 3 by the two candidate finalists and student meeting times will be assigned at a later date.

e. President Hohman gave an update on the Sunday Sweepers program. It will be returning this year as a means of student group fundraising. Student groups have the opportunity to earn $100 for neighborhood clean-up on Sunday mornings following home Grizzly Football games.

f. President Hohman invited senators interested in attending the Montana Economic Development Summit to contact him. The Summit will be held from September 16-17 in Butte, Montana.

g. President Hohman invited senators to attend the Montana Board of Regents from September 18-20, also in Butte, Montana, at Montana Tech.

h. President Hohman assigned tasks to multiple committees. Tasks are assigned as follows:
a. Marketing and Outreach is tasked with creating an advertising plan for the pie-ing fundraiser after the Voter Registration competition with MontPIRG.
b. Marketing and Outreach is tasked with creating pamphlets for advertising town relations for the use of the Neighborhood Ambassadors.
c. Marketing and IT committees should be advised that Jessica Northam, Student IT Director, is on both committees as an ex-officio, non-voting member;
i. President Hohman stated that he is in talks with University Administration on a mandatory feedback system for students on Cyberbear. Senators interested in participating in the development of the system should contact him.
j. President Hohman stated that the executives are looking at incentives for students being on Senate.
k. President Hohman will be establishing task forces to work on the six items prioritized as End of the Year Goals by Senate. These goals were decided upon at the Senate retreat. Senators should contact President Hohman if they’d like to participate on these task forces.
l. President Hohman stated that all ASUM committees should be meeting by next week. He will be expecting reports and times of meeting by next week’s Senate meeting.

Vice President’s Report

A motion by Hohman-Mikkola for a 5 minute recess was proposed, with division called by Simpson. The original motion passed by placard vote.

a. VP Williams listed all vacancies on University committees and asked for volunteers to fill all empty seats. These will be appointed at the next Senate meeting.
b. Senator biographies should be sent to VP Williams. These were due on Tuesday, September 2, 2013. The due date was extended to Friday. They should be a paragraph long and contain a photo.
c. VP Williams reminded Senators of the importance of dressing appropriately for Senate meetings.
d. VP Williams repeated to senators that they are expected to attend at least one of the six Board of Regents meetings held bi-monthly and encouraged them to consider the upcoming meeting at Montana Tech.
e. All senators are invited to Welcome Feast and invitations are in their emails.
f. VP Williams reminded senators to be checking their emails constantly. She stated that this was imperative to work as an agency.
g. VP Williams chastised Senate for the theft of her gavel.
h. VP Williams discussed decorum of the Senate. She stated that when in session, senators should not leave the meeting unless an emergency situation occurred.
i. VP Williams gave official notice that a Senate meeting will be held on September 18th, at 6 pm in UC 326/327. Though she and President Hohman will be in attendance of the Board of Regents in Butte, VP Williams stated that Business Manager Hopkins will be chairing for the specific purpose of granting Travel Allocations. All senators are expected to be in attendance unless excused by the chair.
j. A motion by Hazen-Thompson to approve the committee appointments (Exhibit E) as a slate passed by voice vote.
Business Manager’s Report

a. A motion by Dolezal-Simpson to move into SB6-13/14 (Exhibit F) A motion to approve by Mikkola-Simpson was proposed, with unanimous consent called by Foster. Discussion was called. The original motion passed by placard vote.

b. Business Manager Hopkins reiterated that University committees are hugely important and encouraged senators to be involved as possible. He stated that these committees helped with resume building and networking.

c. Business Manager Hopkins also repeated that senators needed to be checking emails constantly and consistently for the purposes of business to be conducted at meetings.

d. Business Manager Hopkins inquired as to members of Board on Budget and Finance that would be attending the Montana Economic Summit for quorum purposes.

Committee Reports

- Student Political Action (Story) – The committee met at 4 p.m. on September 3, 2013 in the University Center. They discussed the Voter Registration Competition with MontPIRG. The competition is scheduled for Saturday, September 14. There will be a sign-up for participation emailed out. The meeting time will be 10 a.m. in the ASUM office. ASUM and MontPIRG volunteers will be registering voters on campus and in the tailgating area from 10:30-12:30 before the Griz game.

- Marketing and Outreach (Mikkola) – The first meeting will be in the ASUM offices at 9 a.m. on Thursday, September 5, 2013.

- Housing (Chandler) – The annual Ice Cream Neighborhood Social is coming up on September 15, 2013, from 3-5 p.m. on the 400th block of University Ave. There will be free Big Dipper Ice Cream for students, Neighborhood Ambassadors, and University District neighbors. The possibility of Senate participating in Sunday Sweepers as a group was brought up and will be discussed further in the future.

- Relations and Affairs (Roddy) – No resolutions passed through Relations and Affairs this week because none were submitted. Normal meetings are Mondays at 6 p.m. VP Williams stated that the resolutions need to be formatted by 3 p.m. on Mondays before the meeting, and will not be accepted by the Senate Secretary after 12 p.m.

- Transportation (Thompson) – Two Yellow Bikes have been moved over to Missoula College. September 9-13 is Walk-n-Roll week. Transportation received a new bus last week. They have new lasers installed in the busses as a way of counting ridership. The Transportation Board approved the year-long budget last week, but it is open to change as it is constantly evolving. The committee is also looking at marketing for late night U-DASH; Senator Thompson invited members of the Marketing and Outreach Committee to join Transportation for the next meeting. The Board meets on Monday evenings at 7 p.m.

- Sustainability (Frissell) – The committee meetings are Thursday from 2-3 p.m.

Unfinished Business - none

New Business
Resolution regarding Housing Bylaws
Resolution regarding snacks
Resolutions regarding Fiscal Policy (10)
Resolutions regarding Bylaws (2)
Resolution regarding Constitutional Referenda
Resolutions regarding Residence Life (3)
Resolution regarding Elections
Resolution regarding students’ constitutional right to carry a firearm
Resolution regarding Sustainability Coordinator
Resolution regarding Missoula College
Resolution regarding 2013/2014 Senate Vision Statement
Resolution regarding sunglasses at Senate meetings

Comments

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

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