1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - November 17, 1999

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT
   a. The Bookstore
   b. Budget
   c. Class Cuts
   d. Forum - December 9, 7-8:30 p.m., Urey Lecture Hall
   e. Student Health Service Fee
   f. Storybook Hour
   g. Board of Regents

6. VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT
   a. Committee Appointments
   b. $40 Fee Task Force Meeting
   c. ASUM Diversity Committee Meeting
   d. Secret Santa Christmas Party
   e. Other

7. BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT
   STIP - $35,521.64 available for the year
   Travel Special Allocation - $12,851 for year (balance for Spring Semester)
   Zero-based Carryover - $167,603.10
   Special Allocation - $6,012.75
     a. Zero-Based Carryover - Office of Student Involvement ($1,067.50)
     b. Travel Special Allocation - East Timor Action Network ($0)
     c. Other

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
   a. SB36-99/00 Resolution to Request President's Presence at Monthly ASUM Senate Meetings
   b. SB37-99/00 Resolution on Proposed Administration Budget Forum
   c. SB38-99/00 Resolution to Support Delay of Writing Proficiency Exam Implementation
   d. SB39-99/00 Resolution to Amend Mansfield Library Staff Loan Policies

10. NEW BUSINESS

11. COMMENTS

12. ADJOURNMENT
SENATE MEMBERS

PRZEMEK BARTKIEWICZ
TIM BAUMGARTNER
JAMES BILLINGTON
SEISIN CHRISTENSEN
KIMBERLY ECKERT
FELICIA FOWLER
REDA HADDOUCH
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RYAN HOPKINS
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ASUM OFFICERS

JESSICA KOBOS
President
JERRY LAMB
Vice-President
MARCUS KOSENA
Business Manager

FACULTY ADVISORS

PROFESSOR AUSLAND

PROFESSOR ANDERSON
Chair Lamb called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. Present: Kobos (6:40), Lamb, Kosena, Baumgartner, Billington, Christensen, Fowler, Haddouch, Herrick, Hopkins, Irey, Neitzel (6:45), Peterson, Schmidt, Taddonio, Thomas and Weber. Excused was Swan. Unexcused were Bartkiewicz, Eckert, Munday and Murphy.

The November 17, 1999, minutes were approved as written.

Public Comment
*Chris Peterson reminded Senators that World AIDS Day is today and is an annual event on December 1st. He encouraged everyone to see the AIDS quilt this final evening of showing. *ADSUM President Joy'l Jenkins and Alexander Guld spoke of their concerns about the writing proficiency exam, including accommodations for those with disabilities and the impact of foreign students. *Leadership Coordinator Amy Gillespie thanked those who attended the speaker presentation and encouraged them to attend the Ask An Alum Leadership Luncheon.

President's Report - postponed until Kobos' arrival

Vice President's Report
a. The following committee appointment was approved: Commencement - Kim Eckert.
b. The $40 Late Registration Fee Task Force will meet at 9 this Friday in the Business Services Conference Room in the Lodge.
c. The ASUM Diversity Committee will meet tomorrow at 6 p.m. in the UC Lounge.
d. There are tentative plans for an office Christmas party on Friday, December 10. See Lamb to draw a Secret Santa name.

Business Manager's Report
a. A Student Involvement Office request from Zero-Based Carryover for $1,067.50 for a share of the group brochure printing costs (and approved by Budget and Finance for same) passed.
b. A travel request by the East Timor Action Network for $700 received a $0 recommendation from Budget and Finance. A motion by Taddonio-Peterson to allocate $350 filed. The $0 recommendation passed.
c. Herrick's contact group Men's Choir will hold a concert December 12.

The Chair recognized Kobos' and Neitzel's presence.

President's Report
a. Kobos has been talking with The Bookstore about a scholarship fund based on a percentage of sales. There have been calls to privatize ownership.
b. Class cuts are a result of budget cuts.
c. Class/section cuts are posted in Kobos' office window.
d. A forum will be held with Dennison, Cole, Hollmann and Schwaller in Urey Lecture Hall December 9 from 7-8:30 p.m. to discuss student concerns over the budget.
e. A four-option proposal concerning the Health Service Fee will be brought before Senate next week. The committee endorsed option 3.
f. Kobos reported that anyone wishing to volunteer for story hour will have to meet the same qualification guides as any other volunteer, which includes a TB test, tetanus shot and other things. Kobos hoped this would not deter participation.
g. The Board of Regents are working on changes to the student evaluation process. Course fees may be abolished.
h. A community service award will be given to a student at the February Charter Day ceremony. Kobos will post criteria and welcome nominations.
Committee Reports

a. Board on Member Organizations (Baumgartner) - The following groups were approved for recognition on a motion by Hopkins-Haddouch: Amnesty International, Camas, Campus Advance, U of M Campus Free Thought Alliance, Chinese Student Association, College Republicans, Finance Club, Student Chapter of the Great Bear Foundation, Hockey Club, Honors Student Association, International Business Students Association, Montana Model United Nations, Order of Omega, Society for Creative Anachronism, Student Recreation Association, Students Tutoring Students, Symphonic Wind Ensemble, Volunteer Action Services.

b. SPA (Neitzel) - Forum posters are being made.

c. University Affairs (Hopkins) - SB36, 38 and 39 received "do pass" recommendations. SB37 remains in committee.

d. Budget and Finance (Kosena) - There will be no meeting next week and no Business Manager's Report at Senate, as Kosena will be out of town.

Unfinished Business

a. SB36-99/00 Resolution to Request President's Presence at Monthly ASUM Senate Meetings (Exhibit A). A friendly amendment by Christensen to substitute "senator" for "student" in the last line was not accepted. A motion by Kosena-Schmidt to recommit to committee failed on a previous question call by Schmidt. Kosena removed his name from sponsorship. A friendly amendment by Advisor Anderson to change the first whereas to read: "Whereas, recent actions have not addressed needs of students" was accepted. Christensen withdrew her previous question call after Hopkin's objection. After a previous question call by Irey passed, SB36 passed.

b. SB37-99/00 Resolution on Proposed Administration Budget Forum - in committee.

c. SB38-99/00 Resolution to Support Delay of Writing Proficiency Exam Implementation (Exhibit B). A previous question call by Kosena failed. Friendly amendments in the fourth paragraph by Christensen to insert "currently" after "which is" and Kobos to insert "tenured" after "by" and "or TA's" after "personnel" were accepted. With no objection to Irey's previous question call, the resolution passed unanimously on a motion by Hopkins-Haddouch.

d. SB39-99/00 Resolution to Amend Mansfield Library Staff Loan Policies (Exhibit C) passed unanimously on a motion by Hopkins-Haddouch.

New Business

a. Resolution on Student Health Service Fee
b. Resolution on student evaluation form
c. Resolution on University Directory
d. Resolution to eliminate grade change fees
e. Resolution to exempt recognized groups from using UC catering service
f. Resolution to change Fiscal Policy

Comments

The meeting adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

Carol Hayes
ASUM Office Manager
Resolution to Request President's Presence at Monthly ASUM Senate Meetings

Whereas, recently there have been problems between the actions of administrators and the needs of students,
Whereas, student/administrative dialogue needs to be improved,
Whereas, the President could benefit from receiving student input,
Whereas, ASUM is the representative body of the students at The University of Montana

Therefore Let It Be Resolved, that the Associated Students of the University of Montana request the presence of the University's president once a month at a senate meeting. The President shall be listed on the agenda under the ASUM's President's report with the intent of providing a synopsis of current administrative issues and to receive student feedback.

Authored by: Lea Taddonio, ASUM Senator
Sponsored by: Marcus Kosena, Business Manager; Seisen Christensen, ASUM Senator; Ryan Hopkins, ASUM Senator; Molly Neitzel, ASUM Senator; Chad Herrick, ASUM Senator; James Billington, ASUM Senator; Christopher Peterson, ASUM Senator

Passed 12/1/99
Resolution to Support Delay of Writing Proficiency Exam Implementation

Whereas, the Writing Proficiency Exam Implementation Committee performed the bulk of its work regarding the exam with little or no student involvement, with most of the work occurring during the summer.

Whereas, this test will eventually affect all UM students.

Whereas, if UM is doing an adequate job of educating students, then there should be no need for a proficiency test.

Whereas, there are numerous concerns regarding the writing proficiency exam, including the test itself (which is a piece on Classical literature), the 2 hr. time limit, no use of computers, and the test will not be graded by University personnel.

Whereas, the exam will be inherently unfair to many international students, since the English language is very different in structure than most other languages.

Therefore Let It Be Resolved, that the Associated Students of The University of Montana support a delay in the implementation of the writing proficiency exam until all concerns can be addressed and remedied.

Authored by: Jerry Lamb, ASUM Vice President

Passed 12/1/99
Resolution to Amend Mansfield Library Staff Loan Policies

Whereas, The University of Montana is committed to the education of its undergraduate students;
Whereas, current Mansfield Library policies equate the importance of graduate student loans and staff loans;
Whereas, The ASUM Senate represents the interests of students;
Whereas, the current Mansfield Library staff loan policies include a 120 day loan with 2 renewals allowed without the item present, unless requested by another user;
Whereas, the current Mansfield Library undergraduate loan policies include a 21 day loan with 6 renewals allowed without the item present, unless requested by another user.

Therefore let it be resolved, that the ASUM Senate recommends that the Mansfield Library staff loan policies be revised to equal those of the current undergraduate loan policies.

Authored by: Molly Neitzel, ASUM senator
James Billington, ASUM senator

Sponsored by: Jessica Kobos, ASUM President

Passed 12/1/99