ASUM SENATE AGENDA
October 21, 1998
Mt. Sentinel Room – 6 p.m.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 14, 1998
4. PUBLIC COMMENT
5. PRESIDENT’S REPORT
   a. November 11 – State Holiday (Campus Closed)
      To meet or not to meet – that is the question!
   b. Gordy Pace, President, Staff Senate
   c. SPA
   d. Other
6. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT
   a. Committee Appointments
   b. Senate Class
   c. Dining Services – Ken Arledge
   d. Other
7. BUSINESS MANAGER’S REPORT
   a. STIP
      *UM Productions – $12,586.13/$12,586.13
   b. Travel Special Allocations
      *University Christian Fellowship – $1,978.50/$678.50
   c. Other
8. COMMITTEE REPORTS
9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
   a. SB16-98/99 Resolution to Support Plan B for Managing
      Yellowstone Bison
   b. SB17-98/99 Resolution to Raise and Freeze the Credit Cap
   c. SB18-98/99 Resolution to Oppose Priority Registration for
      Student Athletes –
   d. SB19-98/99 Resolution to Support The University of
      Montana Student Athletes –
   e. SB20-98/99 Resolution to Support Lambda Alliance and the
      Queer Community –
   f. SB21-98/99 Resolution Strongly Opposing the Center for
      Student Success
10. NEW BUSINESS
11. COMMENTS
12. ADJOURNMENT
ASUM SENATE TALLY SHEET

SENATE MEMBERS
CHAD BALLENTINE
JAMES BEKIER
BRETT BELL
AMY BROWN
SEISIN CHRISTENSEN
SHANNON CONNOLLY
JIM DRISCOLL
RYAN HOPKINS
MARCUS KOSENA
JERRY LAMB
DARCY LINDEMAN
JOSHUA MAHAN
AARON MURPHY
CORY MYERS
AMANDA PRESSLEY
MELISSA SQUIRE
EMILY STRUVE
SHAWNA SUTHERLAND
CONNIE TIETZ
CHRIS WOODALL

ASUM OFFICERS
BARRETT KAISER
President
PATIENCE LLEWELLYN
Vice-President
BRAD MCCALL
Business Manager

FACULTY ADVISORS
PROFESSOR AUSLAND

ROLL CALL

DATE October 21, 1998
Chair Llewellyn called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Present: Kaiser, Llewellyn, McCall (6:09), Ballentine, Bekier, Bell, Brown, Christensen, Connolly, Driscoll, Hopkins, Kosena, Lamb, Lindeman, Mahan, Murphy, Myers, Pressley, Squire, Struve, Sutherland, Tietz and Woodall.

The minutes of the October 14 meeting were approved.

Public Comment
*Erika Rauthe and Dana Peltier spoke in opposition to the credit cap and were in favor of raising the limit.
*Joy'l Jenkins told how the Center for Student Success would benefit students with disabilities by providing accommodations under ADA law. A complaint was filed on campus due to lack of proper testing facilities.
*Allison Field spoke in support of Bison Management Plan B.
*Erin Bentley (mistakenly called Erin Riley in last week’s minutes) handed out booklets last week to the Senators to provide more information on the Bison issue. She stated her belief that it is an issue for Montana residents but not a campus issue. She stated her willingness to answer questions.

President's Report
a. Kaiser thanked those who participated in Public Comment and asked Senators to encourage students to do so.
b. No Senate meeting was scheduled for Nov. 11, as it is Veteran’s Day and a holiday for the University. Since the following two weeks will be taken up with the Board of Regents and Thanksgiving student travel day, it was decided to have a meeting on Thursday, Nov. 12, the location to be announced later. Senators with conflicts should be Llewellyn.
c. Staff Senate President Gordy Pace said the Senate represents all non-faculty staff (1000-1100) and is a liaison with Administration for staff. Anyone is invited to attend meetings, the next to be held November 18 from 10-12 in Gallagher 222. They want to establish and maintain good relationships with faculty and students. They are preparing a fact sheet on issues for the Board of Regents. Pace was invited to the luncheon students are holding with the Regents.
d. SPA was to be discussed later in the meeting.
e. Kaiser met with no objection to going forth with the book swap through the web page – where students can list books for sale or search for books they want. He will ask computer club for help with it.

Vice-President's Report
a. The following slate of committee appointments was approved on a motion by Hopkins-Brown: University Court – Amanda Pressley; SPA – Ryan Reppe; Student Computer Fee – Frederick Pratter. A Senator is needed to serve on the Radio Board.
b. Senate class will feature speakers LuAnn Crowley from City Council and Bill Johnston, Alumni Director.
c. Senators should meet in Copper Commons at 5 p.m. with Ken Arledge of Dining Services on November 4 to give input on a new pizza concept.

Business Manager's Report
a. STIP
UM Productions request of $12,586.13, approved by Budget and Finance, was approved by Senate.
Travel Special Allocation
University Christian Fellowship request of $1,978.50 and approved by Budget and Finance at $678.50 (rounded up to $679) was approved by Senate.

Committee Reports
a. SPA - Struve reported work on a voter’s guide and voting reminders. A press conference with Mayor Kadas will be held next Tuesday at 1 p.m. SPA will meet Sunday evening at 7 and could use help.

b. UC Board - Christensen said they toured the UC.

c. Student Affairs Advisory - Llewellyn said a chair was elected. Each group represented will make presentations.

d. University Affairs - Bell reported “do pass” recommendations for SB17, SB20, and SB21. The Committee meets Tuesdays at 2.

e. Board on Membership - Sutherland offered the following slate of groups for recognition, which were approved by Senate on a motion by Hopkins-Brown:

f. ASUM Affairs - Sutherland checked the suggestion box and the hot line. Twelve calls came in supporting Plan B of Bison Management Plan.

g. Budget and Planning - Hopkins said there was discussion on the $2.2 mil shortfall and questions as to whether the budget base was too large. They also made a general outline of topics for the year. Kaiser said there was talk of a 12.6% increase in tuition.

h. Murphy commented on clock for UC - request in suggestion box - and said there was talk of integrating artwork with the clock.

Unfinished Business
a. SB16-98/99 Resolution to Support Plan B for Managing Yellowstone Bison (Exhibit A). A motion was made by Mahan-Struve to pass the resolution. The following friendly amendments were accepted: Driscoll - insert “Senate” after “Montana” in the last paragraph; Pressley - strike “are Montanans who” in the second paragraph; Sutherland - correct minor grammatical errors; Murphy - substitute “many” for “The” at the beginning of the second paragraph; Kaiser - insert “approximately” at the beginning of the fourth whereas; Squire - change seventh whereas to read “Under Plan B, $47 million to $62 million taxpayer dollars may be spent more efficiently”. A motion by Murphy-Kaiser to strike “Senate” from the last paragraph passed. A previous question call by Myers failed on a division call. A previous question call by Bekier passed, and the resolution as amended failed on a roll call vote 8Y, 13N, 1A (see tally sheet).

b. SB17-98/99 Resolution to Raise and Freeze the Credit Cap (Exhibit B) passed on a motion by Kaiser-Connolly after a previous question call by Connolly passed.

c. SB18-98/99 Resolution to Oppose Priority Registration for Student Athletes - in committee

d. SB19-98/99 Resolution to Support The University of Montana Student Athletes - in committee

e. SB20-98/99 Resolution to Support Lambda Alliance and the Queer Community (Exhibit C) passed on a previous question call by Bell.

f. SB21-98/99 Resolution Strongly Opposing the Center for Student Success (Exhibit D). Kaiser changed the title to read “A Resolution strongly opposing the manner in which the bonding approval for the Center for Student Success was obtained. A friendly amendment by Murphy to insert “seemingly” before “obtained” in the last paragraph was not accepted.
A motion by Murphy-Kosena for the same failed after a previous question call by Christensen passed. A friendly amendment by Pressley to strike "a devious" in the fifth paragraph and insert "this" was not accepted. A motion by Pressley-Brown for the same failed after a previous question call by Sutherland passed. A previous question call by Kosena passed, and the resolution as amended passed.

New Business
a. Resolution to amend Bylaws Section 15A, Article 4
b. Resolution to increase number of Senators on Graduate Student Association Committee
c. Resolution on graduate student opposition to differentiated tuition
d. Resolution to amend Personnel Policy
e. Resolution to support Initiative 137

Comments
The meeting adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

Carol Hayes
ASUM Office Manager
RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT PLAN B FOR MANAGING YELLOWSTONE BISON

Whereas; The eradication of bison once they leave the boundaries of Yellowstone Park is a state issue that affects all Montanans, and;

Whereas; The University of Montana students are Montanans who are concerned about the issue of bison management, and;

Whereas; Three federal agencies (the National Park Service, the Forest Service, and the Animal and Plant Inspection Service), and two state agencies (the Montana Department of Livestock and the Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks Department) were charged in 1989 with developing a plan that would 1) maintain a wild, free roaming population of Yellowstone Bison, and, 2) protect the economic interest and viability of Montana’s livestock industry, and;

Whereas; 1100 bison were killed in leaving Yellowstone Park in the winter of 1996, and;

Whereas; The federal and state government came up with seven alternatives in a Draft Environmental Impact Statement in 1998, and identified Alternative 7 as their “preferred plan”. Wildlife professionals developed an alternative plan known as Plan B (for Bison). Environmental organizations developed the “Citizens’ Alternative”, and;

Whereas; Plan B is the only alternative that effectively meets the two standards required in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement because it does not include any quarantining, capturing, killing, or attempt to lessen the wildness of the bison, while vaccinating the species for burcellosis via measure of dart to protect Montana’s burcellosis-free status, and;

Whereas; Under Plan B the Montana taxpayer will save from $47 million to $62 million, and;

Whereas; Plan B was created by noted wildlife ecologist, Virginia Ravndal, along with the assistance of veterinarians qualified in the study of burcellosis and the economics of disease management. It is the only alternative based on science not on politics, and;

Therefore let it be resolved;
The Associated Students of the University of Montana support Plan B for managing Yellowstone Bison, and wish to make this support known to the state and federal agencies involved with the decision process.

Authored by: Josh Mahan
A Resolution to Raise and Freeze the Credit Cap

WHEREAS the goal of university education is to provide opportunity for growth, development, and exploration through academic endeavor; and

WHEREAS the university is often the first and only opportunity for students to investigate and experience different disciplines and explore many fields and philosophies both inside and outside their chosen field of study. This exploration serves to enrich students' minds, enhance their careers, and facilitates growth and development overall; and

WHEREAS students in certain disciplines must pursue academic minors or double majors in order to increase marketability of those individuals after graduation; and

WHEREAS it is the responsibility of the University System of Montana to see that students are afforded the opportunity to enrich themselves; and

WHEREAS the Credit Cap policy, both in principle and in practice, limits these explorations. It does not make concessions for students pursuing double majors, nor does it offer opportunity to change majors after a very limited period. It serves to dissuade students from the type of explorations necessary for an academically well rounded education; and

WHEREAS the Credit Cap policy does not serve to fulfill the goals of the Montana University System, but works in opposition to those goals; and

WHEREAS any policy that severely limits academic exploration cannot be in the best interests of students within an institution designed specifically for that purpose; and

WHEREAS the Associated Students of the University of Montana understand the need, both economically and socially, for a credit cap of sorts, but feel that the current policy is inequitable;

WHEREAS the continued imposition of the Credit Cap in its present form will fundamentally weaken the education of students attending the University of Montana, or any student within the Montana University System;

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT the Associated Students of the University of Montana call for the reconsideration of Policy No. 940.27. We ask that the policy be altered with respect to the number of credits that may be completed before extra fees are imposed. We ask that the number of credits be raised and frozen at 170 credits.

Sponsored by:
Ryan Hopkins, Senator
Amy Brown, Senator
Brad McCall, Business Mgr.
RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT LAMBDA ALLIANCE AND THE QUEER COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, A violent hate crime against a gay man recently occurred in Laramie, Wyoming; and,

WHEREAS, Many hate crimes against queers go unreported because hate crime laws do not include sexual orientation; and,

WHEREAS, Missoula has a large queer community; and,

WHEREAS, No one should be discriminated against or attacked (physically, mentally, or emotionally) because of who they are as a human being; and,

WHEREAS, All communities are vulnerable to hate crimes unless proactive steps are taken to prevent them; and.

WHEREAS, The University of Montana strives to be a diverse campus that is supportive of the diverse population.

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED: ASUM declares its support, through this resolution, of the Lambda Alliance and the entire queer community.

THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED: ASUM consider taking strong measures to encourage the addition of sexual orientation to the offenses of hate crimes in the laws during the legislative session (i.e. lobby vans, phone calls to legislators, letter writing, etc).

Authored by: Patience Llewellyn, ASUM Vice President
A Resolution strongly opposing the manner in which the bonding approval for the Center For Student Success was obtained.

Whereas, a resolution supporting the Center For Student Success, through extending building fees, was presented to the ASUM Senate and was subsequently withdrawn;

Whereas, the Administration changed the revenue stream days before the May 1998 regent meeting, unbeknownst to ASUM;

Whereas, focus groups were formed by the Administration that did not represent ASUM and;

Whereas, the increased rent in the lodge may fall on the backs of students through the cost of goods and services;

Whereas, ASUM feels that a devious act occurred on behalf of the UM Administration, and therefore disturbed the synergy between students and the Administration;

Whereas, sometimes it's easier to ask for forgiveness than it is to ask for permission;

Therefore Let it be Resolved That, the ASUM Senate strongly opposes the manner in which the bonding approval was obtained for the Center for Student Success.

Authored By:
Barrett Kaiser, ASUM President
Brett Bell, ASUM Senator

Sponsored By:
Brad McCall, ASUM Business Manager
Marcus Kosa, ASUM Senator
James Bekier, ASUM Senator
Chad Ballentine, ASUM Senator
Cory Myers, ASUM Senator
Chris Woodall, ASUM Senator
Aaron Murphy, ASUM Senator
Jess Kobos, SPA Director
Ben Darrow, Legislative Director

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