ASUM SENATE AGENDA
September 21, 1994
Mt. Sentinel Room - 6 p.m.

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Minutes - September 14, 1994
4. Public Comment
5. Vice President’s Report
   a. Radio Club
   b. Senate Interviews
   c. UTU
   d. General Announcements
6. Committee Reports
7. Unfinished Business
   a. SB148 Resolution for Elections Reform - Elections Committee
   b. SB154 Resolution for Public Audit of University Dining Services - University Affairs Committee
   c. SB157 Resolution to Support An Athletic Fee Compromise - University Affairs Committee
   d. SB1 Resolution to Pursue A Researched Response to the Recommendation of the Governor’s Task Force to Renew State Government - in SPA Committee
   e. SB2 Resolution to Support Montanans for Tax Fairness - Against CR-28 - in SPA Committee
   f. SB3 Resolution to Change Title of Student Complaint Officer to Resolution Officer
   g. SB4 Resolution to Require ASUM Senators to Commit One Hour Per Week to the ASUM Office
   h. SB5 Resolution to Support Semester Calendar Proposed by Faculty Senate
   i. SB6 Resolution to Review the Removal of One Senate and One At-large Position from the University Affairs Committee.
   j. SB7 Resolution to Change the Complaint Officer Position from a 20 Hour a Month Position to a 40 Hour a Month Position
8. New Business
9. Comments
10. Adjournment
ASUM SENATE TALLY SHEET

SENATE MEMBERS
SARAH AKHTAR
LYNETTE ANDERSON
NILES BRUSH
DIXIE DISHON
HERBERTO "TITO" FLORES
BETTY GREGORY
RENEE HILBURN
JEREMY HUETH
ANGELA KEEDY
MELANIE KOVARIK
LUKE LASLOVICH
MATT LEE
TIMBERLY "TIMMY" MAREK
ALAN MILLER
DANA SHONK
ROD SOUZA
DERRICK SWIFT-EAGLE
CHRISTINA WITT

ASUM OFFICERS
JENNIFER PANASUK
President
JON LINDSAY
Vice-President
TYE DEINES
Business Manager

FACULTY ADVISORS
PROFESSOR AUSLAND
PROFESSOR KIA
Chair Lindsay called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. Present: Lindsay, Anderson, Brush, Dishon, Flores, Gregory, Hueth, Keedy, Kovarik, Lee, Marek, Miller, Shonk, Souza, Swift-Eagle, Witt. Excused were Deines, Hilburn and Panasuk. Unexcused were Akhtar (6:08) and Laslovich.

Public Comment - None

President’s Report - None (Attending Regents’ meeting in Dillon)

Vice-President’s Report

a. Todd Graetz and Craig Altmaier spoke on plans for a proposed student radio station and fielded Senators’ questions.
b. Lindsay referred to his guest column in the Kaimin regarding the UTU contract. Faculty will vote on the contract September 29th. If they accept it, the Regents will most likely vote on ratification by way of a conference call.
c. Lindsay explained his actions regarding Kaimin notification of the 19th Senator selection before Senate notification after several Senators signed a letter to Lindsay expressing their dissatisfaction with the process. After lengthy discussion in Senate, the Senators requested that the interviews with all candidates be redone and completed by next Wednesday. Lindsay will be meeting with the other two executives and the Interview Committee this weekend.

Business Manager’s Report - None (Attending Regents’ meeting in Dillon)

Committee Reports

a. Dishon reported that the UC Board is currently discussing whether the Temptations lease can or will be picked up by the UC Bookstore. A meeting will be held tomorrow at 3:30 p.m.
b. Reports were given that ASUM Affairs, University Affairs and Budget and Finance Committees met. SPA did not have a quorum.
c. Gregory needs three at-large members for Board on Member Organizations.
d. Marek needs four at-large members for Elections Committee.
e. Shonk attended the Campus Development Committee where building acquisitions and field conditions were discussed. The College of Technology buildings are in need of repair.
f. Brush reported that the Athletic Committee discussed certification for division standing, which will be coming up soon.
g. In her absence, Lindsay offered the following President’s slate of committee appointments, which Senate approved: Student Health Services Advisory - Andrea Kassner; ASUM Affairs - Tiffany Cole; Library and Archives - Dana Shonk; Complaint Committee - Angela Keedy; University Affairs - Alan Miller; UC Board - Matt Lee and Jason Thielman. Jason replaces Cory Henderson, who was removed from the Board after three absences.

Unfinished Business

a. SB148 Resolution for Elections Reform was withdrawn.
b. SB154 Resolution for Public Audit of University Dining Services was withdrawn.
c. SB157 Resolution to Support An Athletic Fee Compromise was withdrawn.
d. SB1 Resolution to Pursue A Researched Response to the Recommendation of the Governor's Task Force to Renew State Government - in SPA Committee

e. SB2 Resolution to Support Montanans for Tax Fairness - Against CR-28 - in SPA Committee

f. SB3 Resolution to Change Title of Student Complaint Officer to Resolution Officer - tabled until next week

g. SB4 Resolution to Require ASUM Senators to Commit One Hour Per Week to the ASUM Office - tabled until next week

h. SB5 Resolution to Support Semester Calendar Proposed by Faculty Senate (Exhibit A). A call of previous question by Flores-Akhtar passed. Upon immediate vote and a call of division, the resolution passed 9-7.

i. SB6 Resolution to Review the Removal of One Senate and One At-large Position from the University Affairs Committee (Exhibit B). A motion was made to pass this resolution and effect a Bylaws change for Article VI, Section 11, A to read: "The University Affairs Committee shall be composed of seven members, of which four shall be members of the Senate. A Senator shall chair the Committee." The resolution with the Bylaws change passed.

Chair Lindsay passed the gavel to Senator Gregory so he could speak and vote as author of the following resolution.

j. SB7 Resolution to Change the Complaint Officer Position from a 20 Hour a Month Position to a 40 Hour a Month Position (Exhibit C). The University Affairs Committee returned the resolution amended the 40 hours a month to 30 hours a month. Author Lindsay amended the resolution by striking the note reference at the end. A call of previous question by Lee-Brush passed. Upon immediate vote the resolution passed.

Lindsay resumed position of Senate Chair.

New Business

a. Resolution to change Section 4A of House Rules

Comments

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Carol Hayes
ASUM Office Manager
RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT SEMESTER CALENDAR
PROPOSED BY FACULTY SENATE

WHEREAS, the Montana Board of Regents allows institutions to choose their own calendars within certain parameters, and

WHEREAS, the recommendations proposed by the UM Faculty Senate for semester calendar change not only fall into those parameters but would also be beneficial to UM students for such reasons as accommodating summer jobs while still maintaining the basic start/stop dates required for student transferral among other units of the University System,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,
That the ASUM Senate support the UM Faculty Senate's recommendation for semester calendar change, and forward letters of support to Faculty Senate, UM Administration and Montana Board of Regents.

Sponsored by
Jennifer Panasuk

Passed 9/21/94
FACT SHEET AND PROPOSAL FOR
FACULTY SENATE ACTION

--As of the 1994 Accreditation Handbook, semesters shall consist of "approximately 15 weeks, including exam
days".

--By Regental police, institutions may design their own calendars with the following parameters: a) Fall
semester must end before Christmas b) the calendar must comply with Accreditation Standards. Start dates, stop
dates, length of class period, and observed holidays and breaks are open for consideration on an institution
by institution basis.

--The task for recommending our academic calendar to the regents falls within the domain of Provost Kindrick,
who has asked ECOS to consider the situation and provide him with a recommended calendar.

--ECOS members have given serious consideration to a number of factors that come into play when setting up an
academic calendar, such as Montana's particular climate, field research, employment (fire fighting),
considerations for students and spouses, transfer student needs, opportunities for scholarship, the public
school schedules, summer programming that utilizes staff, faculty, and dormitories, and Montana's other
institutions. Given these considerations and others, we would like to have senators consider the following
options and come prepared to share opinions at the senate meeting on Sept. 15.

--ECOS is not currently considering longer class periods or other more experimental adjustments to the academic
calendar.

--Please read over the options listed below that have been carefully considered by ECOS and discuss them among
your colleagues. The Registrar needs a decision as soon as possible so we would like to forward the Senate's
input and ECOS decision to the Provost at the conclusion of our meeting September 15.

Fall Term: (Each of the following assume 50 min. class periods)

Option A: Begin teaching the Tuesday after Labor Day every fall. This will have us finishing Dec. 22 in 1995
and Dec. 20 1996. It allows for Columbus Day, and a three day break at Thanksgiving, but no voting day off.

Option B: Start a week earlier and end a week earlier than the above dates.

ECOS'S CONSENSUS WAS OPTION A.

Spring Term Issues:

Option A: Begin teaching late in January (in 1996, Jan. 29, to complete finals roughly May 18).
This option allows for intensive scholarly activity, field research, and other restful or productive activities
throughout most of January. It moves our end date closer to when public schools end. It allows for a slightly
later spring break which would increase the likelihood of coinciding with the public school spring break.

Option B: Begin second week in January, get out first week in May.

ECOS'S CONSENSUS WAS TO CHOOSE OPTION A

***We have been repeatedly asked by faculty, students, and public school folks to try to link with their
break. In an effort to do so, we are suggesting an option that MAY facilitate this:

--Have our spring break immediately following the conclusion of the public school's third quarter which would
fall roughly the last week of March or the first week in April. The public schools determine their spring
break via a committee that meets during the school year prior to the break. Our calendar must be in place
before theirs, so we can only extend ourselves toward this end. The ball is in their court to then choose to
place their break coincidental with ours.
Resolution to review the removal of one Senate and one at-large position from the University Affairs Committee.

WHEREAS the University Affairs Committee must have a quorum in order to conduct business

WHEREAS it is difficult to have a quorum with the excess positions within the committee

BE IT RESOLVED that the removal of one Senate and one at-large position undergo a review by the appropriate committee and a recommendation be given to the Senate for possible action.

cc: ASUM Affairs

Sponsored by: Niles Brush ASUM Senator 15 September 1994
RESOLUTION TO CHANGE THE COMPLAINT OFFICER POSITION FROM A 20 HOUR A MONTH POSITION TO A 30 HOUR A MONTH POSITION

WHEREAS the ASUM Student Complaint Office is one of the most important services ASUM provides, and,

WHEREAS even one well prepared case can require 8-10 hours a week while it is active

BE IT RESOLVED that the monthly base hours for the Student Complaint Officer (Item 3.0 of Personnel Policy) are increased from 20 to 30 hours.

cc: University Affairs
    Budget and Finance

Note: Budget and Finance is asked to report on the monetary implications of this resolution. University Affairs is asked to make the "do pass" or "do not pass" recommendation. This is because the Complaint Officer position is outlined in the current UTU contract (Item 21) and this contract falls within the purview of the University Affairs Committee.

Sponsored by Jon Lindsay ASUM Vice President, 15 Sept. 1994

Passed 9/31/94