ASUM SENATE AGENDA
Mt. Sentinel Rooms
October 17, 1990
6:00 p.m.

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Minutes
4. President's Report
   a. Board of Regents Luncheon
   b. Special Session Announcement
   c. MAS Schedule
   d. Credit Card Proposal
5. Vice President's Report
   a. Committee Appointments
   b. Wellness Program
   c. General Announcements
6. Business Manager's Report
7. Committee Reports
   a. Financial Aid - Jackson Redhorn
   b. Student Affairs Advisory Council
   c. Others
8. Public Comment Period
9. Old Business
   a. Terri Howell rebuttal
   b. UM/MSU funding disparity statement
   c. Office hours/sharing for Senators
10. New Business
11. Comments
12. Adjournment
### ASUM Senate Tally Sheet

#### Senate Members
- Dan Astle
- Tim Berg
- John Crocker
- Tim Dahlberg
- Amy Jo Fisher
- Eric Hummel
- Kelli McMaster
- Scott Nelson
- Linn M. Parish
- Paula Pelletier
- Pat Price
- Geannine Rapp
- Polly Rhodes
- Amy Clark Stevens
- Tyler Thompson
- Annie Thorgrimson
- Ed Tinsley
- Marc Vessar
- Steve Young
- Ed Zink
- Ex-officio

#### ASUM Officers
- Chris Warden
  - President
- Alice Hinshaw
  - Vice-President
- Doug Wagner
  - Business Manager

#### Faculty Advisor
- Pat Edgar

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**Date:** Oct. 17, 1990
Chairman Hinshaw called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. Members present were Astle, Berg, Crocker, Dahlberg, Fisher, Hummel, McMaster, Nelson, Parish, Pelletier, Price, Rapp, Rhodes, Stevens, Thompson, Thorgrimson, Tinsley, Vessar, Young and Zink.

Vessar - Thompson moved to approve the minutes of the October 10, 1990, meeting as written. Motion passed.

President's Report

a. Warden reminded the senators of the luncheon ASUM is sponsoring for the Board of Regents October 26 at noon in the Montana Rooms. A sign-up sheet was passed around for those interested in attending.

b. Warden announced two special Senate sessions to be held Tuesday, October 23, and Tuesday, November 13, from 5-7 p.m. in UC 114. Sylvia Weisenburger will be explaining the funding disparity issue, and Board of Regents' proposals will be discussed.

c. Warden distributed a schedule (Exhibit A) outlining the Board of Regents, MAS and special session schedules.

d. The Commissioner's Office has proposed a credit card for students which could be used to pay fees - currently payable only by check (Exhibit B). After a lively discussion, the Senate members indicated that they were not supportive.

Vice President's Report

a. Hinshaw offered the following committee appointments to the Senate for confirmation:

Paula Pelletier/John Crocker - Task Force Coordinators
Jay Barnell - ASCRC
George Gupton - Library Dean Search Committee

Price - Vessar moved to approve. Motion passed.

b. Hinshaw yielded the floor to representatives from the Health Service who gave a talk on the newly established wellness program for students. The purpose of the program is to promote an optimal state of health and well-being.

c. General announcements were made about Senator name tags and the Senate meeting change from the original schedule (Tues., Oct. 30, meeting will be Wed., Oct. 31). Hayes informed the Senate of her biweekly attendance at the Student Affairs meetings and invited the Senators to read through the minutes, located in her office, if interested.
Business Manager's Report

Wagner reported that the Kaimin appeared before Budget and Finance October 12th with a report on their deficit. They will appear again on the 19th, and a proposal to solve the problem will be coming before the Senate in the near future.

Committee Reports

a. Jackson Redhorn reported on the Financial Aid Committee. Some of the things they are involved in include hearing requests to extend eligibility for aid.

b. Hinshaw reported on the Student Affairs Advisory Council meetings with Dean Hollmann. She identified current issues which are being discussed: students' right to know – campus dangers, etc.; golf course; lighting on campus; parking decals. The Senate indicated a desire to have Ken Willett appear before the Senate on the parking decal issue.

c. Berg announced the Bylaws Committee will meet at 7:30 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 18, in the ASUM office.

d. Thompson reiterated his need for a co-member on the Computer Users Advisory Committee due to the frequency of the meetings. It must be a graduate student.

e. Zink announced the Senate table will be in the UC Tues., Nov. 13, and Thurs., Nov. 15, and circulated a sign-up sheet.

f. Astle announced an informal meeting of SUB at 5 p.m. Friday at Maxwell's. Wagner noted the problem SUB has with the price increase for paid parking from 25 to 50 cents.

g. Price reported on the Semester Transition Committee. The Committee's main concern is that the students not be hurt by the transition. The worry is that funding for the transition will have to be handled locally.

h. Jay Barnell reported on ASCRC, indicating that the upper division education requirements have been passed and told a little about future considerations.

Public Comment Period

Jay Barnell indicated concern over a possible legal issue concerning the students' right-to-know about campus rapes and other issues of this type. Can this information be given out.
Old Business

a. Wagner offered a friendly amendment to the rebuttal (Exhibit C), substituting "Over 40%" for "Close to 40%." Also, the proposal wording was changed to read "THEREFORE, be it resolved that the ASUM Senate write a rebuttal to Ms. Howell's words in the form of the letter included in the motion by Senators Crocker and Pelletier."

Fisher - Vessar called previous question. Proposal passed.

b. Warden tabled his proposal on the UM/MSU funding disparity statement.

c. Proposal on the Senate office space passed (Exhibit D).

New Business

Fisher proposed that Senators be given a briefing on all important upcoming issues on the Senate agenda in the form of a note in their boxes.

Comments

During the comment period Hinshaw responded to Jay Barnell's concern over the legality of campus problems being aired to students. Hinshaw indicated the necessity for types of problems occurring on campus to be communicated to students and not specific details which might compromise the legal issue.

Price - Thompson moved to adjourn at 7:57 p.m. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Hayes
ASUM Office Manager
Senate Scheduling Information

Board of Regents Calendar: (Griz.-Cat Weekend)

Thursday, October 25, 1990

9:00-3:00 Various Regental Committee Meeting (see master schedule)

Friday, October 26, 1990

10:00 MAS Meeting- Mt. Rooms

12:00 Luncheon with Regents and Commissioner Hutchinson- Mt. Rooms

1:00 Regents General Session

MAS/State Fall Schedule:

October 24 - U-System Long Range Planning Committee Meeting-Msla.

October 25 - Regents Meeting- Msla. (above schedule)

October 26

November 1 - Self-Funded Insurance Meeting in Helena

November 17 - MAS Meeting in Helena

November 30 - MAS Legislative Workshop in Helena (w/ Commissioner)

December 1

Senate Special Sessions:

Tuesday, October 23 5:00-7:00 UC 114

Tuesday, November 13 5:00-7:00 UC 114
Currently, the Commissioner's Office of Higher Education is considering the implementation of a credit card system that would allow Montana University System Students (and UM Students) the option of paying fees with a credit card. This study is being undertaken by an ad-hoc committee set up by the Commissioner. So far, they have only reviewed the idea and asked for a program outline from Norwest Bank. Specific areas and services have not been considered.

I would like to have your input on the following areas:

1. Is this type of service necessary?
2. Are we exposing students to unnecessary or costly debt?
3. What type of card would students prefer? What kind of interest rate would we like? Annual fee?
4. What would we like to pay for with this card—tuition? Books? Other?
5. Will this card be accessible to all students (Fresh-Senior)?

Your input will be sent to the Commissioner via our next conversation.
WHEREAS, Ms. Terry Howell was quoted in the Missoulian the following: "what we have said is we would not automatically buy paper because kids asked us to." and,

WHEREAS, we, ASUM, represent the students of this university and must oppose such use of disempowering words when referring to students

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the ASUM Senate write a rebuttal to Ms. Howell's words in the form of a letter, such as the example written by Senators Crocker and Pelletier.
Dear Ms. Howell,

Having been elected to represent the views and interests of the student body at U of M, we at ASUM feel we must respond to your denial of the request to switch from polystyrene to paper cups in our student union.

First, we would like to address your quote in the Missoulian, "what we have said is we would not automatically buy paper because kids asked us to". On behalf of the student body, we must strongly object to such an inappropriate choice of words, and we sincerely hope that it is not indicative of your attitude towards ourselves or our concerns. Close to 40% of the students on this campus are "non-traditional". In fact, it is likely that some of the "kids" that signed our petition are older than you are. Our petition was not simply an emotional expression of a bunch of kids, but was a long debated and carefully considered expression of an increasingly deeply felt sentiment. A growing number of people all over this country are coming to the realization that while to act in an environmentally responsible fashion my be less convenient and more costly, it is becoming an absolute necessity to begin doing so.

Secondly, we would like to reiterate that the students on this campus have signed petitions stating that they are willing to suffer at least a bit of inconvenience and are willing to pay at least a slightly higher price for the sake of environmental responsibility. Might we suggest that the State could benefit both environmentally and financially if enlightened public officials recognized and responded to this? We would welcome such enlightenment.

Finally, we would like to thank you for participating in the polystyrene-paper forum at our university last Friday. We understand that you will participate in a project with SAC, Earth Awareness, and MontPIRG, and other student organizations around the state whose goal would be to study polystyrene and paper to determine which product is environmentally more sound. The development of this user group indicates a willingness from the State to create open dialogue on this issue. For that we are grateful.
ASUM Senate Resolution

Sponsored by: Annie Thorgrimson

Whereas, it is important for Senators to be able to meet individually with constituents and students who come to ASUM for assistance.

Whereas, it is important to have a common meeting area where Senators can check in during the week, leave messages, etc.

Whereas, an office space is very much needed to achieve these two objectives.

Therefore, let it be resolved that...

...the ASUM Senate moves to keep our current office space, yet share it with other ASUM employees if necessary. Office hours need to be scheduled and maintained by all senators.
A special session of the ASUM Senate was held Tuesday, October 23, 1990, from 5-7 p.m. in UC 114. In attendance were Senators Astle, Crocker, Dahlberg, Fisher, Hummel, McMaster, Nelson, Parish, Price, Rhodes, Stevens, Thorgrimson, Young and Zink and Executive Officers Warden and Hinshaw.

Acting Vice-Pres. for Administration/Finance, Sylvia Weisenburger, was the guest speaker for the special session. She explained the FY91 Formula Components, FY92 (Proposed) and other aspects of the funding formulas for UM/MSU and compared them to peer institutions.