ASUM SENATE AGENDA
Mt. Sentinel Rooms
October 31, 1990
6:00 p.m.

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Minutes
4. President's Report
   a. Miscellaneous Announcements
   b. Regents' Report
   c. Legislative Schedule
   d. UTU Contract Negotiations
   e. Tuition Increase
5. Vice President's Report
   a. Miscellaneous Announcements
6. Business Manager's Report
7. Committee Reports
8. Public Comment Period
9. Old Business
   a. UM/MSU Funding Disparity Proposal
   b. Bylaw Amendment Proposal
   c. Fiscal Policy Addition - Special Allocation Funds
10. New Business
11. Comments
12. Adjournment
Chairman Hinshaw called the meeting to order at 6:11 p.m. Members present were Astle, Berg, Crocker, Dahlberg, Fisher, Hummel, Nelson, Parish (6:15), Pelletier, Price, Rapp, Rhodes (6:18), Stevens, Thompson, Thorgrimson, Tinsley, Vessar, Young and Zink. Unexcused was McMaster.

Price - Vessar moved to approve the minutes of the October 24, 1990, meeting as written. Motion passed.

President's Report

(Refer to Exhibit A for an overview on current issues.)

a. Elsie Anderson resigned as City Council Representative. Applications for CutBank Editor are available in the ASUM office and are due Wednesday, November 7, at 5 p.m. Warden and Hummel will go to Helena tomorrow for a meeting on the self-funded insurance proposal.

b. Warden felt there were no satisfactory answers to the tuition position and the peer funding issue from the Regents during their Missoula meeting.

c. Warden outlined basic steps for ASUM groups and students to follow in getting concerns before the legislature: 1) contact Greg Fine, SLA Director; 2) SLA will draft positions for presentation to the Senate as seconded motions; 3) Fine will brief ASUM executives at their Monday meetings; 4) The motion will be presented to the Senate under New Business.

d. UTU negotiations are starting. Pete Aklestad is the chief bargainer for ASUM.

e. Warden stressed the need for a stance on the tuition issue. He indicated a resolution will be coming.

Vice President's Report

a. Hinshaw said ASCRC needs committee members. The City Council Representative position will be advertised as soon as possible to replace Elsie Anderson who resigned. Hinshaw encouraged Senators to wear their ASUM T-shirts and/or name tags on Wednesdays. Hinshaw said a letter from Justin Nelson (Japan) is on the bulletin board. Thorgrimson said she would send Justin campus news. ASUM sweatshirts can be bought for $11 ea. if there are at least 20 orders. Senators should let the office know if they are interested. Hayes encouraged Senators to attend the breakfast next Wed., Nov. 7, at 7:30 with Dean Hollmann and passed around a sign-up sheet.
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Business Manager's Report

a. Wagner attended an ASUI meeting in Portland. He announced that UM will be hosting the regional conference here next year.

Wagner announced that the Escort Service received $1900 each from Physical Plant, the President and Dean Hollmann.

Committee Reports

a. Zink, as a member of the Publications Board, met with Kaimin Editor Walsh. Zink said he is pleased with the efforts the Kaimin is making toward more financial and administrative responsibility.

b. Auxiliary Services met Monday and will have a proposal next week.

c. SLA Director Fine gave information on a forum to be held Thursday, Nov. 1 (Exhibit B).

d. ASCRC will meet Monday, Nov. 13, at 2 p.m. in Main Hall 205.

Public Comment Period - None

Old Business

a. The "Resolution to Increase University System Funding Through Adjustments in the Proposed Formula" (Exhibit C) was presented by SLA as a seconded motion. Rapp yielded to Fine for explanation. Fisher moved to approve. Motion passed.

b. Berg moved to remove Article VI, Section 7, Parts A & B from the ASUM Bylaws (limiting Committee to two senators and requiring changes during Spring Quarter). Motion came seconded by Bylaws Committee. Thorgrimson - Price moved to vote. Motion passed.

c. Wagner presented the change to Fiscal Policy as a seconded motion from B & F. Motion passed.
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New Business

a. Warden - Hummel presented a resolution on Hunger Awareness (Exhibit D).

b. Hummel placed a tuition proposal under New Business. It will come from SLA as a seconded motion.

c. Crocker - Price presented The Gun Resolution (Exhibit E).

d. Pelletier - Warden presented a resolution to recognize the Security Task Force Committee.

e. Crocker - Rapp presented the Gender-Neutral Language Resolution (Exhibit F).

Comments

Zink - Hummel moved to reconsider the vote on the Fiscal Policy change regarding Special Allocations. Motion failed.

Hummel - Vessar moved to adjourn at 7:09 p.m. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Hayes
ASUM Office Manager
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DATE: 10/31/90
Regents meeting provides decisions, debates

Students, faculty air concerns with regents

By Shannon McDonald
Kaimin Reporter

Board of Regents members got an earful from UM students and faculty at an open forum Thursday in the UC on topics ranging from semester transition to guns for campus police.

John Hutchinson, acting commissioner of higher education, said the semester system is a better structure for teaching courses in-depth.

The impact on students who opposed the transition, for reasons such as money or time limitations, was considered, he said. However, after considering the options, “Education came first and the impacts second,” Hutchinson said.

Economically, the university system would save money in the long run on the semester system, he said.

Cordell Johnson, the most recent member of the board, said they may have to consider a tuition increase to help support the semester transition.

However, he said, the real money will have to come from the

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Fees

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He said the current non-resident summer fee is “way out of whack” with non-resident fees for the regular academic year, and the measure is meant to bring the fee up to an equal per-credit level.

The fee for returned checks is slated to increase from $10 to $15. Noble said the university system’s charge “ought to be more in line with the general market charge” for returned checks. Regent Kermit Schwanké said the charge “will still be a good buy” for students.

A $50 fine for parking in handicap parking spaces on Montana’s university campuses was also approved.

Noble said all the fee increases have been before the committee since September in order to get reactions from students. He said the committee received no correspondence opposing the measures.

Topel added that measures approved by the committee still need to pass the entire board today.

Sylvia Weisenburger, UM’s vice president for administration and finance, said Warden that “when students don’t make it to the regular registration, then we have to keep people in place” to provide the service.

She said a “great deal” of money is spent on late registration, and added that the university has the right to waive the fee if a student presents a case showing that the fee is unfair.

The new plan for non-resident attending summer sessions would raise fees from $10 per credit hour to $50 per credit hour. Regent Tony Topel said the increase was not linked in any way to UM’s strengthening goal of making the summer session self-supporting.

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The officers asked the board to review the policies currently in place. Mathers said the issue was addressed about a month ago before the council of university presidents. No decision has been made.
state students at those schools, while Montana students are paying only 1.6 percent more than last fall.

Out-of-state students in Montana pay an average $3,505, while peers charge an average $4,775 for out-of-state students.

Money matters predominated the questions at the end of the first day of the regents' two-day meeting in Missoula. Students Lynn Israel and Melina Pastos asked why only about half of the budget cuts outlined in the retrenchment plans have been made.

John Hutchinson, acting commissioner of higher education who started work in Montana in August 1989, said his review of the regents' June 1989 minutes shows "in the narrow, strict sense, retrenchment was completed."

Retrenchment, according to the faculty union contract, means the firing of tenured faculty for financial or program reasons. The UM retrenchment plan lumped layoffs, department reorganizations and internal cuts together.

A promise to cut $150,000 from the intercollegiate athletic department's budget was contingent on getting comparable reductions from other Big Sky Conference schools, Hutchinson said, a strategy that did not work. The regents at the same June 1989 meeting told former UM President Jim Koch that UM should remain competitive in the Big Sky — so the $150,000 cut was never made.

However, regent Elsie Redlin of Lambert said she "definitely" had the impression that athletics would be cut. "My own personal perspective is the feeling of 'what happened?' What some of us expected to happen did not happen," Redlin said.

Regents' chairman Bill Mathers of Miles City urged the crowd to put the retrenchment issue behind them.

"It may get worse. That's the thing that we worry about," he said. "If you think retrenchment was bad, if something doesn't happen with funding, things are going to get worse."

Student Chris Johnson asked whether the regents will continue to allow student auxiliary fees to pay for stadium bonds, despite former UM President Neil Bucklew's promise that no student funds would be used for the stadium. (Student fees were used last year to make up a shortfall in ticket revenue, the primary source of bond repayments. The use of those funds prompted a student outcry.)

"Until the facts are before us, it's not proper for us to make black-and-white statements," Mathers said.

Calling overcrowded classes and language labs "devastating," "intolerable" and "extreme," faculty member Holly Dixon said the failure to add new faculty when student numbers are booming is endangering the quality of education.

Campus police, who are already armed after dark, renewed their several-years-old quest change a state law to allow them to carry guns on their daytime patrols of campus.

Leroy Schramm, board attorney, said the regents will decide in the next month whether to include that issue in their legislative package.

Aggressive questions about tuition increases, budget cuts, overcrowded classrooms, unequal funding and pistol-packing police found few firm answers Thursday as University of Montana students, faculty and staff confronted the state Board of Regents.

Under pressure from students at a late afternoon question-and-answer session, the regents said that they haven't decided whether tuition will rise next year — but they'll figure it out Nov. 8 and 9, during their fall workshop meeting in Lewistown.

"It seems to me we can't foreclose the possibility of at least a modest tuition increase to get the money up to where it should be," said regent Cordell Johnson of Helena. "The real money has to come from the Legislature."

Missoula regent Kermit Schwankle told the students he "would not be in favor at this time of increasing in-state tuition." In an interview earlier, Schwankle said he plans to support a tuition increase for out-of-state students, of "at least 20 percent."

Other regents did not take a stand, saying they want to study the issue before making a decision. Two years ago, as part of a bargain to get more state general funds from the Legislature, the regents raised tuition 14 percent.

An annual survey of tuition at UM's eight "peer" schools — out-of-state universities that are used regularly for comparisons — showed that tuition and fees went up 13.5 percent this fall for in-
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MISSOULA (AP) — The Montana Board of Regents on Friday named John Hutchinson as state commissioner of higher education, the position he has held on an acting basis since August 1989.

Regents Chairman Bill Mathers made the announcement during the board’s meeting at the University of Montana.

He also announced that Michael Malone, vice president for academic affairs at Montana State University, would become that institution’s acting president effective Jan. 1.

Hutchinson, 43, has been the deputy commissioner for academic affairs. He was named acting commissioner last year after the resignation of former Commissioner Carroll Krause.

Hutchinson, who was born and raised in Missoula, said he will receive a salary increase as yet to be determined.

"I was surprised because yesterday I told the regents they needed to open the search for a permanent commissioner and decide how to proceed," Hutchinson said. "They went into executive session and came out with this decision."

Malone, 50, will be the temporary replacement for President William Tietz, who is retiring as of Dec. 31 after 13 years as MSU president.

"I wasn't totally surprised, because I knew I had been nominated, but I didn't presume I would be selected," said Malone, who has been at the university for 23 years.

Tietz said Malone is "eminently qualified" for the job.

"I think Mike has a good feel for all the elements of MSU," Tietz told the Bozeman Daily Chronicle. "He has been responsible for a major part of the university's budget."

Malone also will be responsible for representing MSU to the Legislature next year, but said he plans to help present the university system's case as a whole rather than individual units.

He said his own salary has not yet been determined by the regents, but that he expects it to be somewhat less than the $89,000 a year paid to Tietz.

The regents previously have said that they expect to name MSU's permanent president by April, with hopes that the new president will be on the job by July 1991.

Malone said he is interested in the permanent position, but has not yet decided if he will become a candidate.
Students eager for campus crime stats

Campus security becomes a priority issue at UM and MSU

By LIZ STEVENS
Medill News Service
WASHINGTON — New federal legislation that requires colleges and universities to make campus crime statistics available to students and their parents has drawn an enthusiastic response from campus groups at Montana's two largest universities.

Administrators, however, are reacting cautiously.

The Student Right-to-Know and Campus Security Act, which passed the Senate Wednesday and is expected to be signed by President Bush on Tuesday, is receiving heavy doses of praise from student leaders at the University of Montana and Montana State University where campus security has become the major issue.

"This past year, two Montana State students were shot to death in a dormitory while the UM was plagued by a series of sexual assaults.

"Campus safety has probably become the No. 1 issue right now," said Chris Warden, president of the Associated Students of the University of Montana.

The bill requires all colleges and universities that receive federal student aid to compile a campus crime report that includes statistics on any crimes involving students enrolled at the school over the past three years. Schools will also have to provide detailed statements on campus law enforcement and security policies.

The law also amends the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act to permit institutions to tell a crime victim the results of disciplinary action the university has taken against an accused assailant. That information was previously confidential.


Although campus administrators say they agree with the intent of the law, they worry that schools may compile crime statistics differently, resulting in misleading comparisons.

"I don't disagree with the intent of the bill at all, as long as everyone is doing it," said Ken Stolz, the director of campus services at the University of Montana. "People need to know what the world is like in which they are joining."

He said problems may arise in tracking off-campus crimes that involve students and in releasing the results of disciplinary actions taken by the university against an assailant who is a juvenile.

"My guess is there will be some interesting challenges going both ways," he said.

Rolfe Groseth, acting vice president of student affairs at Montana State University, said he would have pretty strong objections to a law that takes discipline out of the educational mode and makes it a public matter.

"The specific punishment is a confidential educational item," Groseth said, adding that the university can find other ways to quell a victim's fear about what has happened to his or her assailant.

But student leaders at UM and Montana State believe the law will force the university system to take a hard look at improving campus security.

"I think it is excellent," said Mariah Eastman, president of the Association of Students of Montana State University. "It'll possibly force the university to make safety a priority and encourage more people to report crimes.

Eastman said that since the shooting death of two MSU students last year, campus safety has become a much weightier issue at the university.

"That was the first time we had had that type of violence on campus," she said. "People don't lock their doors here ... We walk around at night. It was a pretty big shock."

Several rapes that occurred on the UM campus last year "really jarred the student population," Warden said. "We are focusing a lot of energy on this issue. The student leadership recently held a forum to discuss campus security and is organizing a Safety Task Force to promote Right-to-Know legislation at the state level.

In Congress, the bill received strong support from Montana Rep. Pat Williams, D-western district, who chairs the House Education and Labor Subcommittee on Post Secondary Education.

Sound familiar?

Colleges feeling financial pinch

By LEE MITGANG
AP Education Writer

State budget problems are leading to more crowded classes, fewer teachers and higher tuition at many public universities across the country this fall.

"We're in a situation that's deteriorating very rapidly," said Richard Novak, director of state education policy and finance of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities. "What's happening in Northeastern and Midwestern states is spreading. They are facing sharp cuts that will have untold impact on those institutions."

Among examples found in an Associated Press survey:

- Tuition at financially pressured New Jersey's nine state colleges rose 9.6 percent to 19.4 percent this fall.
- The Florida Board of Regents has told the state's 11 universities to come up with $49 million in cuts to help make up a $521 million state shortfall.
- The City University of New York, faced with $42 million in budget cuts, is tightening enrollment procedures, canceling 2,000 classes, dropping 700 adjunct teachers and cutting library hours.
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- Public campuses in Iowa, Louisiana, Utah, Idaho, Texas, New Mexico and Arizona are enjoying increased state appropriations and relatively moderate tuition increases.
- But schools in at least 15 states - most of them on the East Coast and Midwest where state financial problems are most severe - are operating on restricted budgets that have led to program cuts, fewer and more crowded classes, and reductions in faculty positions.
- In a few states like New Jersey, students are being hit this fall with double-digit tuition increases not seen on most campuses since the early 1980s.
- The average around the country this fall was 7 percent, according to a College Board survey released last week. But officials believe that some campuses will tack on midyear tuition surcharges if conditions worsen.
- State appropriations to higher education increased an average of 7 percent the last two years, according to a study by the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges. Novak predicts gains will be only half that in 1990-91. "No one's inflation and well below need."
October 22, 1990

President George Dennison
University Hall 105
University of Montana
Missoula, MT 59812

Dear President Dennison:

In my discussions with the ASUM Senate, they too agree that it is not necessary nor appropriate for the student leadership to exert a great deal of energy and time refocusing on the retrenchment issue.

Instead, we are patiently awaiting your decision on what will be done to make up the budgetary shortfalls. We would appreciate an official response or a presentation to the Senate once you have made your determination.

The Senate and I wish you the best of luck.

Sincerely,

Chris Warden
ASUM President
Actual Retrenchment Reductions

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ACTUAL REDUCTIONS  $695,312

RETRENCHMENT SHORTFALL  ($785,800)

Equipment Pool

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GOVERNMENT AND YOU
A PUBLIC FORUM

NOVEMBER 1, 1990
1:30 - 3:30 P.M.

MONTANA ROOMS
UNIVERSITY CENTER

THE UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA

FEATURED GUESTS:

- The Honorable Mike Cooney
  Montana Secretary of State

- The Honorable Ann Mary Dussault
  Missoula County Commissioner

- Dr. Dennis Kraft
  Superintendent, Missoula County High Schools

- Julie Altemus
  Field Representative, U.S. Sen. Conrad Burns

AFTER BRIEF OPENING STATEMENTS THE MEMBERS OF THE PANEL WILL
ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS. THIS IS AN OPEN FORUM AND
YOUR QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS ARE WELCOMED AND ENCOURAGED.

Operation/
S. A. V. E.
Students Are Voting Everywhere

Presented by ASUM Student Legislative Action Office
- Gregory J. Fine, SLA Director
- John J. Mudd, Assistant SLA Director
- Chris K. Warden, ASUM President

PLEASE REMEMBER TO VOTE ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1990
Resolution to Increase University System Funding Through Adjustments in the Proposed Formula

Whereas, the maintenance of a quality education at the University of Montana and in the Montana University System requires our institutions to aggressively pursue a competitive level of funding in comparison to our peer institutions;

Whereas, the University of Montana and other units of the Montana University System currently trail their peer institutions in all areas of the proposed funding formula;

Whereas, the Governor's Education Commission for the 90's and Beyond has estimated that it will take $45,000,000 to bring Montana to the level of our peers in funding for Higher Education;

Therefore, be it resolved that...

...the Associated Students of the University of Montana strongly recommends that the Commissioner of Higher Education and the Montana State Board of Regents address this issue when presenting formula modifications to the State Legislature. We ask that the Regents adopt and adhere to a multi-year plan that will address this disparity with our peers over a period of years. We endorse and strongly support the five year equalization plan that has been proposed by the Commission that brings our system to averages with our peers by 1995.

...and that ASUM aggressively pursue the State Legislature to address this issue during the upcoming legislative session.

Authored by:
SLA Committee

Senate Sponsor:
Sen. Amy Jo Fisher
WHEREAS, Oxfam America is a nonprofit, non-sectarian agency funding relief and development projects in 33 countries in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean; and

WHEREAS, Oxfam supports agriculture, health and education efforts among the poorest of the world's poor, as well as education in the United States about the causes of world hunger; and

WHEREAS, The purpose of the Missoula Food Bank is to acquire and stockpile food for distribution to people in need both directly and through other organizations; to educate the public about the existence of hunger to help lead the effort to end poverty; and

WHEREAS, the Missoula Food Bank has served over 3,500 local families so far this year; and

WHEREAS, The purpose of the Poverello Center is to provide temporary emergency services to persons in need, including clothing, lodging, hot meals, and groceries to supplement a family's meager food supply; and

WHEREAS, From January through September 1990 the Poverello Center has served over 30,000 meals, an average of 115 per day, and has given over 4,900 persons nightly shelter, and over 2,800 families have received groceries, and

WHEREAS, Each of these organizations is dependent on the compassion and generosity of people to enable them to continue to accomplish their worthy goals; and

WHEREAS, Over the past 17 years, hundreds of Missoulians, with the leadership of the Campus Religious Advisors of the University of Montana, have joined in a common gesture for the world's hungry during the week before Thanksgiving, giving of their time and resources to support the efforts of Oxfam America, The Missoula Food Bank, and The Poverello Center,

NOW, THEREFORE, WE THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA do hereby proclaim November 12 through November 17, 1990, as

HUNGER AWARENESS WEEK

for the University of Montana in support of this most worthy cause, and we encourage all students, faculty and staff to rally around the most basic human right - the right to food.
THE GUN RESOLUTION

WHEREAS The campus security force recently petitioned the State Board of Regents to request that the State Legislature remove the restrictions placed on the possession of firearms by campus officers between the hours of 8 am. and 5 pm.; and

WHEREAS We feel that the campus community should properly decide the nature and extent of security forces it desires; and

WHEREAS There is substantial opposition to any relaxation of the firearms restrictions in both the student body and the faculty;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED
That ASUM convey to the State Board of Regents, the Montana State Legislature, and The University of Montana Administration, its formal opposition to the possession of firearms by campus officers between the hours of 8 am. and 5 pm.

To be introduced as new business 10/31/90, sponsored by Senators John Crocker and Pat Price.
GENDER-NEUTRAL LANGUAGE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS It is no longer the 15th century; and

WHEREAS There is a strong and ethically sound movement in both the public and private sectors to eliminate sources and expressions of gender bias and discrimination; and

WHEREAS The ASUM Government, given its leadership role, has the obligation to set and maintain high standards of conduct;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED

That ASUM commits itself to the use of gender-neutral language in the conduct of its business; including but not limited to the verbal deliberations of the Senate and its committees, written business emanating from ASUM (such as official correspondence and Senate resolutions), and ASUM bylaws.

To be introduced as new business 10/31/90, sponsored by Senators John Crocker & Paula Pelletier.