ASUM SENATE AGENDA
Mt. Sentinel Rooms
November 14, 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 Workshop Report
   c. MAS Meeting
5. Vice President's Report
   a. Committee Assignments
   b. Miscellaneous Announcements
6. Business Manager's Report
   a. Campus Recreation
   b. Homecoming
7. Committee Reports
8. Public Comment Period
9. Old Business
   a. Auxiliary Services Resolution - Vessar
   b. Savings Bond Program Resolution - Warden/Dahlberg
   c. Faculty Salary Position Resolution - Crocker/Price
   d. M.E. Crisis Peaceful Resolution Proposal - Pelletier/Thompson
   e. Resolution Tabled
10. New Business
11. Comments
12. Adjournment
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Chairman Hinshaw called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.
Members present were Astle, Berg, Dahlberg, Fisher, Hummel, McMaster, Nelson, Parish, Pelletier, Price, Rapp, Rhodes, Stevens, Thompson, Thorgrimson, Tinsley, Vessar, Young and Zink. Excused was Crocker.

Zink - Thompson moved to approve the minutes of the November 7, 1990, meeting as written.

President's Report

a. Warden announced that the Kaimin is running an ad for Business Manager, as Lisa Roberts is resigning at the end of this quarter. Publications Board will choose the nominee. Applications for Cutbank Editor have gone to Publications Board, and selection will be made by quarter' end.

A bid has been requested for remodeling of the ASUM office.

There will be a Faculty Senate meeting at 3 p.m. tomorrow in the Liberal Arts Lecture Hall in the basement. Warden invited interested persons to attend.

b. Warden handed out information on the Regents Workshop and related matters (Exhibit A).

c. There will be a Montana Associated Students meeting Friday through Sunday in Helena. Warden, SLA Director Fine and SLA Assistant Mudd will attend. There will be working on a preliminary budget package.

Vice President's Report

a. Hinshaw submitted the name of Scott Nelson to serve on the ASCRC. Price - Zink moved to approve. Motion passed.

b. Hinshaw invited interested students to see her regarding openings on search committees for Financial Vice President and Dean of Education.

Hinshaw and Warden attended the Staff Senate Meeting today, as did Frank Clark, President of Faculty Senate. The good news is that they the Staff Senate wants to work as a unit with faculty and staff to reinforce each other. The bad news is that with the decrease in funding staff can't serve students as well as they would like.
Business Manager's Report

a. Wagner offered a seconded motion from Budget and Finance to make a STIP allocation of $850 for the purchase of a computer and printer for Campus Recreation in the Annex, the final amount to be determined by bids. Motion passed.

b. Wagner tabled the seconded motion from Budget and Finance with regard to the Homecoming deficit of $925.28 until after his meeting with an Alumni Office official.

Committee Reports

a. Vessar said that Auxiliary Services is preparing a proposal.

b. The Drug and Alcohol Committee met today. Senator Hummel is a new member. There will be a luncheon Nov. 29. Talk to Senator Rapp if interested in attending.

c. The ASUM Table Committee will have a table in the UC Mall area tomorrow from 9-4 for input on the gun issue.

d. SLA Director Fine encouraged persons interested in legislative internships in Helena to check with Coop Ed. He also said that an update on legislators will be ready next week.

e. ASCRC will put the proposed new curriculum before Faculty Senate tomorrow.

f. There will be a Reorganization Committee meeting this Friday, Nov. 16, at noon.

Public Comment Period

The following people spoke on their personal feelings with regard to the Middle East crisis and in support of the Peace Resolution to be discussed later in the Senate meeting:

Jim Parker, Central American Action Committee
Lisa Kabrud, Women's Resource Center
Lisa Parks, Coalition for Social Responsibility
J. V. Bennett, Earth Awareness
Dean Henderson, Graduate Student in Environmental Studies
Rick Schrum, Student
Gene ?, Student
Craig Rayle, Student
Joel Rasmussen, Student
Richie Doyle, Student
Greg Beckley, Student
Melina Pastos, Student
Christopher Murray, Transfer Student
Dominda DeZoyas, Central American Action Committee
Greg Fine, SLA Director
Jay Barnell, Student
John Mudd, Assistant SLA Director
Ann Miller, Student
Dennis Small, Student
Sue Bradford, Student

Jeannie Taylor, student and wife of one of the Campus Policemen, spoke in favor of the Police carrying guns during daylight hours.

Old Business

a. Vessar tabled the Auxiliary Services Resolution.

b. The Savings Bond Resolution offered by Warden was sponsored by Senator Young from the SLA Committee (Exhibit C). Resolution passed.

c. Crocker's Faculty/Staff Salary Position Support Resolution was tabled.

d. Pelletier presented her Peace Resolution (Exhibit B1) in amended form (Exhibit B2). Resolution passed. (As an Army Officer, Senator Nelson abstained from voting.)

e. Crocker's Gun Resolution was tabled.

New Business

a. Warden - Price submitted a proposal for Senate endorsement of lump sum funding for the University system.

Comments

Senator Dahlberg announced that the Group Recognition Committee will meet this Friday, November 16, at 1 p.m.

Vessar - Price moved to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Hayes
ASUM Office Manager
Dr. John Hutchinson  
Commissioner of Higher Education  
33 South Last Chance Gulch  
Helena, Montana 59620

Dear Dr. Hutchinson:

As I mentioned to you last week, the ASUM Senate has acted on the following issues that the Regents will be discussing at the Fall Workshop. The Students at The University of Montana have spent a great deal of time carefully studying the following issue and I feel the Regents could benefit from this information. On behalf of ASUM, I am asking you to share this information with them.

First, the Senate discussed a number of resolutions regarding equity of funding with our peer institutions. As stated in the attached resolution passed by the Senate, ASUM would like to see the Montana University System brought to equity with our peers over a five year period. We feel this is a logical and feasible time frame in which to accomplish equity.

Along the lines of funding, ASUM discussed the merits of a tuition increase. The attached resolution is a product of that discussion. ASUM strongly believes that no more than 25% of the cost of higher education should be born by the student, while 75% is funded by state sources. Therefore, ASUM is fundamentally opposed to any raise in tuition that is not accompanied by added state funding that will maintain this 25%-75% ratio.

Secondly, ASUM is intently following developments on the state level that have to do with student health insurance. As you might well know, UM is equipped with an outstanding Health Service which
provides both a low cost service fee and health insurance to the students of UM. Although we encourage this interest at the state level, we are concerned that consolidation of UM with other units could raise our health insurance premium, while seeing no gain in coverage. We ask that continued participation in this study does not predispose our intent to join a state wide purchasing consortium.

Also in regards to insurance. ASUM is in full support of the locally proposed self-funded insurance program. Currently, we feel this program can address our long-term insurance needs.

Finally, ASUM is in the process of discussing proposals that will enable campus police officers to carry sidearms during daylight hours. Currently, there is no official ASUM position on this matter. It is my best indication that the Senate does not have a preference over who makes this decision, whether it be the Board of Regents or our campus presidents. Our discussion is focusing on whether or not campus police should or should not carry sidearms during the daylight hours. If the Regents maintain discretion over this matter, we will be approaching them with our position in the future.

We hope that this information is helpful in making their preliminary decisions this weekend. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me.

Thank-you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Chris Warden
ASUM President

cc
Montana Board of Regents
Dr. George Dennison, President UM
Kirk Lacey, MAS President
Congressional sources forecast that Democratic and Republican leaders will advise Bush directly at a White House meeting Wednesday to "cool it" and show more restraint in the tense situation following Iraq's invasion of Kuwait...
But who'll pay?

Tuition increases expected

By PATRICIA SULLIVAN
of the Missoulian

Chances are good that the price of a college education in Montana will go up next year, but students won't know for sure until at least April.

The Board of Regents, which governs the university system, decided last week to put off until after the legislative session any decision on tuition and fee increases.

But a lengthy discussion between regents and campus presidents at a meeting in Lewistown indicated that something other than an across-the-board increase may be in the offing. The ideas include:

■ Requiring part-time students to pay a bigger share of overhead costs.
■ Establishing a "differential" tuition — a surcharge for graduate students and those in some of the more expensive professional schools.
■ Boosting out-of-state tuition charges.
■ Eliminating the "flat spot" in the fee schedule — a quirk which allows students who take 18 credit hours (about six classes) to pay the same tuition as those who take 14 credit hours (four or five classes).
■ Widening the flat spot, which could encourage students to take more credits so they graduate faster.

UM President George Dennison promoted the first and last ideas, noting that the average UM student now takes only 12 credits per quarter, and that many members of the UM student body are part-timers.

"Why should we create a system that rewards students for taking fewer credits?" he asked. "We've got to move back toward more of a balance so part-timers are paying a more equitable share of fixed costs. As the heads increase, you've got to do more and more and more with less (revenue). We're in that situation right now."

Students who have to go to school part time because of family or work obligations shouldn't have to pay the same amount as full-time students, Dennison said, but they ought to pay a bigger share than they are now paying.

If full tuition — $1,474 this year for a Montana resident, $3,547 for an out-of-state resident — is charged to students who take 12 credits, then the students might be encouraged to take another six for free, and that would help them get out of school faster, Dennison said.

"All the studies I've seen indicate that students with full loads tend to graduate more quickly than those who take partial loads," he said.

But Dennison's ideas did not meet universal acclaim.

"I don't know anybody who does, and I certainly don't, base my schedule on where the flat spot is," said student regent Brad Mosgrove of Bozeman. "There's plenty of incentive to get out."

Narrowing the flat spot by one credit could generate another $1.5 million, said Jack Noble, deputy commissioner for fiscal affairs.

"By and large, part-time students are female, by and large, they're older, by and large they're single heads of household, by and large they're employed part-time," said Eastern Montana President Bruce Carpenter. "I'd like to look more carefully at this proposal."

"Those (part-time) students could well be our bread-and-butter students in the future. Do we really want to soak them?" asked John Hutchinson, commissioner of higher education. "We need to be careful because that's a powerful cadre of students, and if we alienate them, it's a problem."

"If you really try to raise the consciousness to charge tuition at the per-credit rate, and give them something less when we're funded (by the state) at 65 percent of the per-credit rate, said Montana State University President Bill Tietz.

"Students also find that trying to keep its accreditation, Tietz said he's resisted the idea of a special fee for years, but that the school has reached a "crisis."

Students in MSU's architecture program and UM's pharmacy, physical therapy and law schools already pay $1,000 per semester for engineering students, and UM's pharmacy, $3,000 for years, but that the school has reached a "crisis."

"I there's a reason graduate students shouldn't pay more than undergraduates. We need more of them," said Dennison.
Possible tuition increases

Warden won't support increases without better state funding

By Karen Coates
Kaimin Reporter

ASUM President Chris Warden said Tuesday a “drive to increase tuition” during the next legislative session is likely, but he will not support it unless it also means increased state funding.

Jack Noble, Montana’s deputy commissioner for fiscal affairs, said in a phone interview that “there are no plans to increase tuition at this time.” Noble said the Board of Regents, which held its retreat in Lewistown last week, decided not to take action on the issue before the legislative session opens in January.

However, John Hutchinson, commissioner for higher education, said in a phone interview, it may be necessary to “revisit the question” of increased tuition during the legislative session.

Warden said students should pay 25 percent of the cost of higher education, while the remaining 75 percent should be left to the state. He termed this the “accepted public ratio.”

The approximate ratio is currently in effect, Warden said, but it would change if tuition increased and state funding didn’t.

“‘We will not support any tuition increase that does not bring us added state funding,’” he said. “‘We’re not going to budge on that factor one inch.’” An increase in tuition during the next five years is probable, Hutchinson said, adding that it is “particularly likely to come with out-of-state tuition” since UM’s out-of-state fees are lower than those charged by many peer institutions.

As for an increase in tuition next year, he said “that’s really a hard one to call. We’ll just have to see.”

He said a number of options for raising revenue were “kicked around” during the Lewistown retreat. These included:

- Increasing out-of-state tuition.
- Boosting the registration fee.
- Charging part time students more.
- Changing the fee structure to reduce the “flat spot.” Currently, students are charged the same price for 14 to 18 credits.
PEACE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, we the student elected and student comprised legislative body for the students of the University of Montana acknowledge the responsibility to address the political concerns of the student body; and

WHEREAS, the primary responsibility of the association is to serve as an advocate for the general welfare of the students as stated in the ASUM constitution, Article II, section 1; and

RECOGNIZING, that the student body has voiced concern over the present situation in the Middle East in the form of the speak-out, rally, and march that took place on the 30 and 31 of October 1990; and

RECOGNIZING, the solidarity among the students has continued and strengthened as evidenced by the presence of many students at the ASUM meeting of November 14, 1990; and

RECOGNIZING, that the same said meeting of ASUM senate, students presented to the ASUM senate many hundreds of signatures on petitions representing the concerns of students, faculty, and staff of the University of Montana regarding the present crisis in the Middle East;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ASUM senate acknowledge and share the concerns voiced by the students present at the ASUM meeting of November 14, 1990 as well as the issues addressed in the petition presented at said meeting concerning the present crisis in the Middle East;

BE IT SUBSEQUENTLY RESOLVED THAT ASUM call upon the Congress of our United States as well as the President of our United States to negotiate a peaceful resolution to the present crisis in the Middle East. This includes but is not limited to the enlistment of the United Nations, the enlistment of the Arab League, and the reordering of our national priorities to institute a movement towards a peaceful, diplomatic solution to the deepening crisis in the Middle East;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT upon passage, this resolution is sent in its entirety to Gov. Stan Stephens of Montana, to the Congress of the United States delivered through our duly elected Montana representatives and Senators, and to the President of the United States, George Bush.

Sponsored by,
Senator Paula Pelletier
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RECOGNIZING, that the student body has voiced concern over the present situation in the Middle East in the form of the speak-out, rally, and march that took place on the 30 and 31 of October 1990; and

WHEREAS, at the November 14th meeting of ASUM Senate, students presented to the ASUM senate hundreds of signatures on petitions representing the concerns of students, faculty, and staff of the University of Montana regarding the present crisis in the Middle East;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that ASUM Senate acknowledge the concerns voiced by the students of the University of Montana as addressed in the petitions presented at the November 14th meeting concerning the present crisis in the Middle East.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that ASUM Senate call upon the congress of the United States as well as the President of our United States to negotiate a peaceful resolution to the crisis in the Middle East.

BE IT FURTHERMORE RESOLVED, that we support the enlistment of the United nations, the enlistment of the Arab League, and the reordering of our national priorities to institute a movement towards a peaceful, diplomatic solution to the crisis in the Middle East.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT upon passage, this resolution be sent in its entirety to Gov. Stan Stephens of Montana, to the Congress of the United States delivered through our duly elected Montana representatives and Senators, and to the President of the United States, George Bush.

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Resolution in support of a College Savings Bond Program:

Whereas, The Montana University System is in desperate need of a financial remedy for its failing infrastructure, which is crippled by deferred maintenance and has limited new construction projects due to a lack of state funding;

Whereas, it is important that a broad based effort be made to increase the public’s awareness of the difficulty for future generations to meet the rising cost of higher education;

Whereas, A Montana sponsored program to provide citizens with saving incentives for higher education is essential to offset this overwhelming cost;

Whereas, a program that will address the problems of deferred maintenance and future development is vital to the well being of the Montana University System;

Therefore, be it resolved that...

...the ASUM Senate supports the concept of a College Savings Bond Program that will provide Montana Consumers an opportunity to invest in the University System with credit toward future enrollment, given any Montana University System earnings from this unmatured trust, address the problems of deferred maintenance and future construction costs for the Montana University System.

Author: SLA Committee

Sponsored by: Steve Young