1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of April 10, 1985 Minutes
4. President's Report
   a. Wilderness Institute Report - John Mercer
   b. Student Action Center Overview - Kim Barta, Co Carew, Lance Grider
   c. Blue Cross Health Insurance Policy - Bud Desmul
   d. Announcements
5. Vice President's Report
   a. Student Garden Committee Chair Appointee - Ed Norman
6. Business Manager's Report
   a. San Francisco Conference Report
7. Committee Reports
8. Old Business
9. New Business
10. Comments
11. Adjournment
## CD Members

- Barbee, Dan
- Boyer, Joe
- Craig, Mike
- Crawford, John
- Crippen, Ken
- Duval, Kevin
- Henderson, Dan
- Husseini, Khalid
- Mckettrick, Ann
- Miller, Margaret
- Murillo, Trini
- Pinter, Juli
- Pouliot, Lisa
- Solomon, Gene
- Stuart, Ford
- Sullivan, Pete
- Tempel, Scott
- Thompson, Judi
- Tuss, Paul
- Wold, Chantel

## ASUM Officers

- Mercer, Bill
- Johnson, Amy
- Gullickson, Greg

## Faculty Advisor

- Whiteman, Henri
- Montana Kaimin
- Jahrig, Gary
The ASUM Central Board meeting was called to order by Bill Mercer, ASUM President. Members present were Gullickson, Johnson, Barbee, Boyer, Craig, Crawford, Crippen, Duval, Henderson, Husseini, McKittrick, Miller, Murillo, Pinter, Pouliot, Solomon, Stuart, Sullivan, Tempel, Thompson, Tuss, Wold and Whiteman. Jahrig was excused.

The minutes of the April 10, 1985, meeting were approved as written.

President's Report

1. Mercer yielded the floor to John Mercer, Wilderness Institute representative. John reported that the Wilderness Studies and Information Center was established and funded by ASUM in 1975. Since that time they have sponsored over 125 workshops and seminars. Their main goal at the present time is to focus on how they can better serve the students at the University of Montana. The retreat workshop held last weekend was to gather information from students on how good of a job they are currently doing and what needs improvement. Wilderness Studies recently conducted a wilderness awareness survey. The survey concluded that students are readily using the Montana wilderness areas and would like to have more information available to them. To provide this information, Wilderness Studies has taken the following steps: (1) instituted a student board, (2) held a retreat to encourage student interest and participation, and (3) establishing a direct outreach line to the students.

2. Mercer yielded the floor to Co Carew, Lance Grider, and Kim Barta, members of the Student Action Center. Grider reported on the history of the Student Action Center. SAC was first established in 1972 as a focal point for a wide range of student interests. One goal of the Center was to provide educational opportunities for students to identify, research and advocate solutions to actual problems in the community. SAC evolved to the present organization which is described as being the political action arm of ASUM and engages in environmental and consumer research and advocacy.

Carew commented on some of the past and current projects and activities that SAC has been involved with. In 1975 SAC received a national Keep America Beautiful award for their work on campus and in the community. SAC was also involved in the writing of Initiative 91 - No MX Initiative and the banning of radio-active materials being transported through Missoula. The Student Action Center also keeps students updated on what is happening at the Montana State Legislature. The past year's projects included a voter registration drive; a film and slide show series on Central America; Oxfam World Fast for Hunger; and sponsored the Earth First Wilderness Bash, a forum on South Africa, and lecturer Edward Abbey. Carew also added that the SAC, in most part, is staffed by volunteers that are able to receive academic credit for their participation in various activities.
Barta stated that the determining direction of SAC is governed by the ASUM Bylaws. It has recently been questioned whether or not SAC should take a stand on social issues or remain nonpartisan. Barta stated that the Student Action Center is currently doing both when it deems it necessary. Some issues, by nature, require that only nonpartisan information be available. Barta feels that issues of human and equal rights require SAC to take a definite stand. He added that the controversial issues SAC backs are based on basic values.

3. Mercer yield the floor to Bud Desmul, Chair, Student Health Service Committee. Desmul presented the Board with a memo requesting fee increases in Blue Cross, Student Health and Dental Services. (See Appendix A) Desmul requested that Central Board take action on the proposals tonight. Discussion followed.

Sullivan - Gullickson — Motion that Central Board support the $1 per academic quarter and $2 per summer quarter increase in the Blue Cross fee. Discussion followed. Johnson - Henderson — Previous question. Upon vote, previous question passed. Upon vote, main motion passed.

Miller - Pinter — Motion that Central Board support a fee increase for Student Health - $2 and Dental Service - $1 per quarter. Discussion followed. Johnson - Gullickson — Previous question. Upon vote, previous question passed. Upon vote, main motion passed.

4. Mercer reported that the Senate Finance and Claims Committee added $2.2 million back into the University System budget today, in Helena. If the proposal passes through the Senate, the University System should be in pretty good shape.

5. Mercer requested that Central Board members continue to meet with him for at least 15 minutes a week. Meeting times for the following week will be on Monday and Tuesday from 9:00-11:00.

6. Applications for summer budgets will be available April 23. Requests are due in the ASUM office by May 3. Final summer budgeting will tentatively be Wednesday, May 15.

7. Interviews for the SAC Director will be April 18, from 4:00-9:00 p.m., in the Montana Rooms. All Central Board members are invited to participate in the interviewing process. Members who attend the interviews are asked to meet with the ASUM Administration on either Friday (4/19) or Monday (4/22) for commentary discussions.

8. Tentatively, the appointment of the ASUM Programming Director will be early in May. Applications for the position should be available April 19 and will be due April 26.

9. Mercer announced that an advisor for Central Board, to fill Whiteman's resignation, has been chosen. The selection must be first ratified by Faculty Senate, before a public announcement can be made. ASUM is still in the process of finding a Junior Faculty Advisor. If anyone has any suggestions, please let Mercer know.
10. Mercer asked Central Board members to be thinking about how ASUM can become more directly involved with Homecoming activities next fall. Some suggestions were a parade float or a social reception.

**Vice President's Report**

11. Johnson reported to the Board that she would like to appoint Ed Norman to the chair position of the ASUM Student Garden Committee. Ed has shown great enthusiasm in the position and has some long-range plans for developing the gardening sight.

**Sullivan - Crippen -- Motion to ratify Ed Norman as the Chair of the Student Garden Committee. Discussion followed. Gullickson - Crippen -- Previous question. Upon vote, previous question passed. Upon vote, main motion passed.**

**Business Manager's Report**

12. Gullickson reported to the Board that the conference he attended in San Francisco, as the guest of the Montana Kaimin, was quite informative. The Kaimin representatives, who made the trip with Gullickson, will be coming before CB in the near future with a report on the conference.

**Old Business**

13. The Excellence Fund Phoneathon for Central Board members will be Sunday, May 19. All members who showed interest will randomly be assigned to teams.

**Adjournment**

14. Gullickson - Solomon -- Motion to adjourn at 9:05 p.m. Upon vote, motion passed.

Submitted by:

Pamla Grier, ASUM Secretary
DATE: April 17, 1985
TO: ASUM Central Board
FROM: Bud Desmul, Student Chair, Student Health Service Committee
SUBJECT: Blue Cross Increase

The Student Health Service Committee is proposing two fee increases effective fall of 1985. The first increase concerns Blue Cross of Montana. Last year CB approved a modified benefit program and smaller fee increase rather than retain the same program at substantially higher rates. Based on their experience and the number of claims paid through February 1985, Blue Cross is projecting an estimated $25,000 deficit in revenue for the 1985-86 school year. An increase of 5% (one dollar) per quarter would offset the projected deficit.

The Student Health and Dental Services are proposing $2 and $1 increases respectively per quarter primarily to offset the mandated wage increases for State employees and the increased costs of supplies.

These increases represent the second installment in a program designed to spread costs among the student population rather than one relatively large fee increase every 2-3 years. This program of three installments was approved by the Board of Regents and Central Board in 1984.