ASUM CENTRAL BOARD AGENDA
Mount Sentinel Room
January 28, 1987
7:00 p.m.

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of January 21, 1987 Minutes
4. President's Report
   A. President James Koch
   B. Central Board Ratification
   C. General Announcements
5. Vice President's Report
   A. Committee Appointments
   B. General Announcements
6. Business Manager's Report
   A. Budget and Finance Committee Report
   B. General Announcements
7. Committee Reports
8. Public Comment Period
9. Old Business
   A. Bylaws Change -- Programming
   B. CRB Elections Ruling
   C. WRC Overview Committee
10. New Business
11. Comments
12. Adjournment
ASUM CENTRAL BOARD
PAIRING FORM

Benn W. Dorsett votes Yes, pairing with
Howard Greenford, who votes No.

on C.B. Rerification
(exact motion voting on)

Benn W. Dorsett
(signature and date)

Howard Greenford
(signature and date)

CB: pairing <
ASUM CENTRAL BOARD
PAIRING FORM

Brian A. Dorsett votes NO, pairing with Rebecca Manna, who votes YES

on CRB ruling (no spring elections)
(exact motion voting on)

Brian A. Dorsett  Rebecc Manna  11/29/87
(signature and date) (signature and date)
The ASUM Central Board meeting was called to order by Tuss, ASUM President. Members present were Bettise, Bell, Connor, Crawford, Dorsett (left 7:45), Fickler, Fulgham (arrived 9:00), Israel, Manna (left early), McConnell, Perry, Schoenen, Small, Smith, Snelson, Stoick (left early), Surber, Young (left 10:45), McLeod, Henderson, and Cawley.

1. The minutes of January 21, 1987 were approved as written.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

2. University President James Koch addressed the Board concerning the UM Budget. Apparently letters are swaying the legislator's feelings, especially for Pharmacy. Koch added that if UM is funded as it was last year, all the academic programs will continue. But if Schwinden's Budget is passed, each program will be phased out within two years. Obviously the losers in this process are the students. The university may have to buy spaces for students in other states if faculty members choose to leave. Koch stressed the fact that endurance counts. The ultimate decision may not come until April. A letter is good but a visit is better.

3. Tuss requested that the CB Ratification be moved to agenda item 9.

4. General Announcements

   . The Perspective Student Phonathon will be held March 29 from 6-8 p.m. Fifteen CB members are needed to attend this. Please leave your calendars open.

   . Paul Shively, Student Legislative Action Director, informed the Board that because of the testimony at the State Work Study Hearing in Helena last week, work study has been increased by at least $2000 at each school.

   . MAS met in Helena on Tuesday concerning the March For the Future which will be held on February 20 for all Montana students. Approximately 1000 plus students will be attending this. Please see Shively for more information.

   . The UM Budget Hearing will be Friday, January 30 from 8-10 a.m. in Helena. ASUM and SLA will be taking two vans over, leaving at 5:30 Friday morning.
VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT

5. Small - Connor — Motion to accept Lisa Surber on Student Union Board, and Pam Grier and Mary McLeod on Elections Committee. Upon vote, motion passed.

6. McLeod announced that the Elections process is underway. Petitions are available in the office. Also, there are still 7-8 committee positions open on various committees. Please get the word out to people. Unfortunately people have not responded to the ads in the Kaimin.

7. The CB table will be in the Lodge next week. Please show up at the time you signed up for.

BUSINESS MANAGER’S REPORT

8. McConnell - Fickler — Motion to approve the Budget and Finance Recommendation on Base Funding Percentages. Discussion followed.

Snelson - Surber — Amendment to take 2% from Student Programming and put it into Student Support Services (making Programming 18.39% and Services 10%).

Crawford - Connor — Amendment to Snelson’s motion to take .69% from Student Programming and put it into ASUM Administration (making Programming 19.7 and ASUM Administration 25.3%). Previous question. Previous question passed. Upon vote, motion passed.

Small - Perry — Motion to postpone the approval of Base Funding Percentages until next Wednesday. Discussion followed. Upon vote, motion failed.

Schoenen - Connor — Previous question on Main Motion. Previous question passed. Upon vote, main motion passed (See Appendix A).

COMMITTEE REPORTS

9. Schoenen reported that the Public Relations Committee met and discussed a proposal to have a Student Information Center within ASUM. The next meeting will be on Monday at 2 p.m.

10. McLeod reported that there will be a Unit Standards Committee meeting on Friday morning. McLeod will try and attend since she has no idea what this committee does.

11. Snelson reported that CB voted that Winter quarter elections are unconstitutional. Their next meeting will be held Monday at 8 a.m.
12. Fickler reported that the Foundation Committee met with Koch and they will meet with the Foundation on February 4.

13. Perry reported that Library Committee has chosen to buy an atlas computer program for the library. It was actually the least expensive system.

OLD BUSINESS

14. Bettise - Schoenen — Motion to accept Priyanka Fernando as a new CB member. Discussion followed. Upon vote, motion passed.

15. McConnell - Tuss -- Amendment to the Bylaws to strike the underlined text.

Section 2. Programming Director.

The Programming Director shall be appointed by the incoming President and confirmed by the new Central Board by a majority vote before May 16. The new Director shall not be in excess of one year. The Programming Director may be removed from office only by a 2/3 vote of Central Board.

Section 5. The Area Coordinators. The Area Coordinators shall be appointed by the Programming Director and confirmed by Central Board. The length of the term of office of an Area Coordinator shall not be in excess of one year in any one given area. Any Area Coordinator...approved by Central Board.

Snelson - Tuss -- Previous question. Previous question passed. Upon vote, motion failed.


Small - Fickler -- Motion to overturn the decision of CRB concerning their ruling that elections during Winter quarter are unconstitutional.

Bell - Connor -- Motion to suspend the Bylaws to deal with this issue.

Bettise - Henderson -- Previous question. Previous question passed. Upon vote, motion to overturn ruling failed.

17. McLeod - McConnell -- Motion to approve the proposed plan written by the WRC Overview Committee and to insert it into the Bylaws (Division V, Article XIII). Discussion followed.

McLeod - Connor -- Motion to table the WRC Proposal indefinitely. Upon vote, motion passed.
NEW BUSINESS

18. Henderson introduced a Resolution regarding WRC which comes as a seconded motion from Budget and Finance Committee.

    Surber - Connor -- Motion to approve the Resolution For the Funding of a Women's Center. Discussion followed.

    Bell - Surber -- Previous question. Previous question passed. Upon vote, motion passed (See Appendix B).

19. Tuss introduced a Resolution in Support For the "March For the Future". This will be voted on next week.

20. Connor introduced an amendment to the Bylaws concerning New Business. This will be discussed and voted on next week.

    Connor also introduced a Resolution Concerning 1987-88 ASUM Elections. This will be voted on next week.

COMMENTS

21. Small -- Congratulations to Pri. I know he will do a good job.

22. Tuss -- Welcome to Pri. I am looking forward to working with you.

    If you are going to leave the meeting early, please tell Krista because it is hard for her to keep track of who is voting and who is not. Please have the common courtesy to let us know when and if you are leaving.

    Concerning elections, Pam made some good points and so did some other people. The Board's decision tonight was to go ahead with CFB's ruling and have elections in the Spring. I will contact Elections Committee to inform them of the change.

    On behalf of ASUM I will be making a statement in Helena on Friday, January 30 concerning the budget cuts. I would certainly appreciate any help you can give me in that regard. I also encourage you to go to Helena with us. Visible support is also very necessary.

    There is a need for a Women's Center on this campus. It has been around for quite awhile and serves 49% of the student body.

    Thanks to Terry for holding the PR Committee and bringing some issues to life that were hidden underneath a lot of people's agendas.

23. Connor -- Welcome to Priyanka. I know that you will be an asset to ASUM. Paul and Mary have been very open in all the CB interviews. I don't expect Paul to do what I say just because I sat in on the interviews.
I am very disappointed in the people who left early tonight. I think it is irresponsible.

LET IT BE KNOWN, THAT AT THE END OF THE CENTRAL BOARD MEETING ALL MEMBERS PARTICIPATED IN "THE WAVE". IT WAS A SIGHT TO SEE. TO THOSE OF YOU WHO LEFT EARLY, TOO BAD.

ADJOURNMENT

24. Crawford – McLoed — Motion to adjourn at 12:10 a.m. Upon vote, motion passed.

Submitted by:

Krista K. Denney
Central Board Recording Secretary
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RESOLUTION FOR THE FUNDING OF A WOMEN'S CENTER

WHEREAS the Associated Students of the University of Montana desire a student oriented campus Women's Center, emphasizing service to the University community, and structured as an administrative agency of the ASUM student government with an appointed director, and

WHEREAS a change in organization and structure would allow redesign of the campus Women's Center goals and objectives;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the use of funding, space and materials allocated to the existing Women's Resource Center be terminated, and that such space and funding be reserved for the formation of a new organization to serve the needs of the campus population. Members of the existing center shall be free to participate in the new organization, and may continue with the old organization though it will lack ASUM funding and space. This resolution in no way denies the existing center the right to seek ASUM recognition and conduct activities.

Paul Tuss, ASUM President
Approved by CB 1/28/87

Paul Tuss
President

Mary McLeod
Vice President

Dan Henderson
Business Manager
January 28, 1987

Dear Central Board Member:

As you know, Constitution Review Board decided Monday morning, by a vote of 4 to 0, that holding the ASUM general elections during Winter Quarter is in violation of the ASUM Constitution. The Constitution is quite explicit and unambiguous in requiring that ASUM officers and Central Board delegates be elected during the spring.

There is, of course, an exception to this: freshmen delegates to Central Board are to be elected during Fall Quarter. The Fall Quarter elections have not been held in many years.

The time has come for Central Board to stop playing games and stand up for the Constitution. There is no excuse for continued illegality. No one at the CRB meeting was able to show any ambiguity at all in the Constitution that might justify ignoring it. Freshmen have an absolute right to proper representation on Central Board, and, as you may have heard, I plan to run for ASUM President Spring Quarter. This letter is to convince you to take the easy way out and do the right thing.

You will probably be asked tonight to overturn the CRB decision. You should not do that. To overturn the decision, a two-thirds vote of Central Board is required. This means that the CRB decision will be upheld if only slightly more than a third of the members of Central Board vote to observe the Constitution. Surely more than seven or eight CB members know how to read. Surely you can see that the integrity of CRB and ASUM as a whole should not be sacrificed to politics and silliness.

The members of CRB have researched the history of these problems fairly thoroughly. They can tell you that ASUM Presidents and Kaimin editors have been aware of the scandal for many years. They can tell you that year after year Central Board has ignored the problem. And they can tell you that there is no good reason to go on doing the wrong thing.

Some members of Central Board may suggest that somehow the "spirit of the law" makes it all right to run over the Constitution. This is nothing but hot air. The "spirit" of the Constitution is still firmly attached to the body of the Constitution; it has not died and gone to Heaven. Why should Central Board live in a topsy-turvy world in which words don't mean what they say?

You will be told that Central Board's credibility will be hurt if you vote to support the Constitution. Hah! Even CB delegate Dennis Small had to admit in print last fall that "Critics of Central Board are everywhere. The board is referred to as a 'joke' and 'a bunch of amateur politicians.'" Central Board has precious little credibility, and it can never hope to have any until it obeys its own rules.
You will also be told that it would be self-serving for Central Board members to vote to hold Spring elections, since that would require extending your terms of office into next quarter. That is ridiculous. Anyone who reads the Kaimin knows that nearly half the delegates to Central Board have resigned. The really self-serving thing will come if you shirk your responsibility to the Constitution. And since when is it self-serving to obey the law?

You will be told that it is too late to change things this year, that it would be best to let the next Central Board suffer the inconvenience. This is a very common political maneuver: it is called "passing the buck."

Why is it too late? I wrote about the problems last year in the Kaimin. I wrote about them this fall in the Kaimin. Why is it that other people always take the brunt of Central Board mistakes and negligence?

You may be told that the Bylaws should be given as much weight as the Constitution. No.

You will be told that the "process" has begun and that it would be unfair to change things now. The only "process" that has begun is that people have started collecting signatures on petitions in order to qualify as candidates. There is no reason that their petitions should not be honored next quarter. There is every reason that ASUM should not hold another unconstitutional election.

If action is not taken now, it will be impossible to hold freshmen elections in the fall; there simply will not be room on the board for them. It should be no mystery why freshmen have been squeezed out of the "process": ASUM has been lazy and, more importantly, sophomores and juniors and seniors have decided that they are better qualified than mere freshmen to hold public office. No mystery, but no cigar.

You will be told that it will be very difficult to rework the Bylaws if you recognize that they are inconsistent with the Constitution. That's wrong. Unless I'm missing something, the Bylaws can be reformed by changing just one word: change "Winter" to "Spring" in Division IV, Article VIII. If that proves too tough for you, then you can fall back on the authority given to the Elections Committee to make changes as needed. This doesn't fix the Fall Quarter elections, of course, but you will have all Spring Quarter to do that.

You will be told that you should respect the ten or fifteen years of "tradition" that call for winter elections and no freshmen elections. Fifteen wrongs don't make a right.

Fortunately, I think you will also be told that the only issue is whether the Constitution has been violated. The members of CRB did a good job of getting down to basics. I was very pleased that CRB members Rob Bell, Scott Snelson, and Lisa Surber got to the point so quickly. It was also good to hear ASUM President Paul Tuss speak out in favor of reform. I hope you will listen to him tonight.
I will be spending a few minutes this afternoon circulating a petition. The petition will be a rather informal thing, asking just that you do the right thing. If for some reason you don't, then the next petition will ask for a student referendum.

Copies of this letter will be delivered to UM President Koch, Vice President Easton, Bruce Barrett and ASUM Legal Services, the Kaimin, and the Missoulian.

If things go badly this evening, I will be sending copies to other newspapers in the state and to the Board of Regents, members of the legislature, Gov. Schwinden, Reps. Williams and Marlenee, Sens. Baucus and Melcher, Mayor Lovegrove, the Missoula City Council, the Missoula County Commission, Attorney General Mike Greely, Attorney General Edwin Meese, President Reagan, Margaret Thatcher, Mikhail Gorbachev, Corazon Aquino, Winnie Mandela, Dan Rather, Peter Jennings, Tom Brokaw, Reader's Digest, the American Civil Liberties Union, Bill Cosby, Jane Fonda, Dear Abby, Ann Landers, Clint Eastwood, and David Letterman. I hope I didn't leave anyone out.

And, naturally, if none of this works I will carry through with my promise to file a lawsuit against ASUM. If you check with your Public Relations Committee, I am sure you will find that you don't want all the adverse publicity that might result.

1987 is the bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution. We will all be hearing a lot about it in the months to come. Even AM radio stations are jumping on the bandwagon. I would hate to think that the importance of constitutional government might be lost on any of you. After all, to misquote Lt. Col. Oliver North, people have died face down in the mud fighting for student government constitutions.

You should not insist that student organizations follow your rules if you can't get things right yourself.

In conclusion, in case you are not yet convinced, let me point out a harsh political reality: I am a candidate for president, I am right, and the more you resist doing things by the book the more votes I get. I know you will do the right thing; the only question is how long you will take to do it.

Have a nice day.

Ross Best