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The meeting was called to order by Joe Mazurek, ASUM President, at 7:00 p.m., in the Montana Rooms of the University Center.

The minutes were approved with the following correction: Earth Day on April 22, instead of World Day.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND STANDING COMMITTEES:

Vice President-Thogersen asked the commissioners to report on what their committee is doing at the present time.

Monro of student facilities said that they have been meeting regularly and that they sent a recommendation to Panzer about keeping the Golf Course open on Tuesdays and Thursdays for students only. He said that they recommended that the new tennis courts be used only for recreational purposes. He said that the committee is trying to get Water Polo recognized as a sport on campus. Gray asked when the courts would be finished. Mazurok said that they would be done by next fall.

Swannery said that Panzer gave his approval of the Judicial System and that it only needs to be approved by Central Board now.

Thogersen said that he would receive a copy of the student legal handbook on Thursday. He said that he would like to commissioners and the heads of the committees to submit a copy of all their members to him so that a permanent file may be kept. He said that he is also working on a general application form for all the committees, so that there would not have to be one for every committee.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

Chamber of Commerce-McEwen said that the sub-committee on this matter decided that the Associated Students of the University of Montana should join the Chamber of Commerce. McEwen said that the Chamber of Commerce is trying to get involved with the University community and that the University community should try to get involved with the Chamber of Commerce. He said that when a problem comes up in the community, the Chamber of Commerce gets people who are interested in this problem and they work up the pros and cons of the issue and the whole chamber votes on this matter. He said that about 550 people make up the chamber and they are trying to get 200 more involved. He said that the fee is $66 a year and that by joining it might clear up some of the problems the University has with Missoula and vice-versa. He said that our interest would improve our part in the community in which we live in.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mertens moved that the motion to allocate $180 to Volunteers in Community Action Organization be put on the floor after being tabled after the last meeting. The motion was seconded by Thogersen. The motion passed unanimously. Mertens said that by giving money to this organization we would be doing our part in the community. He said that this was a high community project. Mazurek said that this motion was tabled last week because there was a question on whether VICA was a recognized organization of the University. Mazurek said that it has been since last spring quarter. Hanson said that this group sounds like a private interest group and that ASUM should not support this type of group now or else we will be asked by other groups of the same type. Hanson added that there has to be a stopping line in giving allocations to any group that asks for money. McEwen said that this group is asking money only for their administrative needs. Mertens asked if this
is a legitimate affair for students to finance? He said that this is the question that the board must decide. The motion passed with Pederson, Strong, McEwen, Daher, Wicks, Gray, Eastman, Mertens in favor and Martin, Cuniff, Gorton and Hanson opposed and Webb abstaining.

Mertens moved that ASUM allocate sufficient funds to pay the deficit in the Miss U of M fund. The motion was seconded by Strong. Mertens said that he did not set a definite amount of money because he does not know how much money would be paid back from Briggs. Gorton asked why Mertens is asking that this be paid now. Mertens said that he had been trying to collect the bills in every way that he could. He said that the bills have to be paid. Wicks asked what could be done in the future to protect ASUM from a deficit. Mertens said that in his audit report he recommended that ASUM choose responsible and capable people for these positions so that money is not spent unwisely. Gorton said that maybe the board should wait in passing this motion until the board can talk to Briggs. Mertens said that Briggs was to be at this meeting and he did not come. The motion passed with Baer, Martin and Gorton opposed and Gray abstaining.

McEwen moved that publications recommendations that the following persons be approved as staff members of the Kaimin for 1970-1971 be accepted by Central Board:

Editor......T. Jefferson Gilles
Business Manager......Ben Bernati
Managing Editor......Bill Vaughn
News Editor......Sharon Speck

The motion was seconded by Gorton. Strong said that he would like to have information on the qualifications of these people. Mazurek said that these tentative appointments have been announced in the Kaimin for the last two weeks. Thogersen said that as long as he can remember there has only been one applicant for the position of editor of the Kaimin and he said that it seems as if there is a hand-picked editor by the journalism school. He said that something should be done about getting more people to run for these positions. Mertens said that a sub-committee of Budget and Finance and Publications Committee is looking into this problem and the report will be done sometime on Sunday and that the results of this would not affect this year's staff. Gorton said that only a few are dedicated to running for these positions because it takes a great deal of time and work to accomplish anything in this type of work. Gilles meets all the requirements that are in the constitution and by-laws, he has experience in journalism work and has the ability to be an editor. The motion passed with Gorton, Hanson, Gray and Thogersen opposed.

Gray moved that the following letter be endorsed by Central Board and sent to Mr. Ted Schwinden of the State Land Board in Helena: We, the Central Board of the Associated Students of the University of Montana, feel the best interests of Montana will not be served by granting, at present, the private corporation, Anaconda Mining Company, an easement of public land on Alice Creek, at the headwaters of the Blackfoot River in the vicinity of Lincoln, Montana, and in accordance therewith, request that said easement not be granted March 2, 1970. The motion was seconded by Gorton. Mertens asked what kind of response the petitions of this matter had received. Gray said that they had circulated petitions on campus and uptown and that they had received quite a few responses as of today. Wicks suggested adding to the letter the reason why Central board is asking for a delay, he said that this would add more weight to the letter. Mertens moved to table the motion until the board could include this information in the letter. The motion died for lack of a second. Gray said that the letter has to be sent by Friday because they are having a meeting on this matter in Helena on Monday. Mazurek explained that this letter was not an attempt to strike out at the Anaconda Company, but that it is asking the Anaconda Company to explain what they attempt to do with this land. Mertens questioned how we as a student group could make suggestions to an non-institutional group. Hanson said that the board just
GRAY MOVED TO MAKE A SUBSTITUTION TO THE MOTION BY ADDING: IN ORDER THAT MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE ANAconda MINING COMPANY’S DEVELOPMENT BE PROVIDED TO THE PUBLIC OF MONTANA BEFORE A DECISION ON GRANTING THE EASEMENT IS MADE. THE SUBSTITUTE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY GRAY. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mertens said that Budget and Finance recommends that $250 be allocated to the Art Club for a cultural trip to Seattle. GORTON MOVED THAT CENTRAL BOARD ALLOCATED $250 TO THE UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA ART CLUB FOR A CULTURAL TRIP TO SEATTLE. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MC EWEN. Thogersen asked what a cultural trip to Seattle entailed. Mertens said that the Art Club wants to take this trip in order to ameliorate the cultural and isolation found in this University, a by product of location, and help to bring an end to provincialism in the Arts. He said that the organization is planning to provide chartered bus transportation to and from Seattle. They will arrange group rates for accommodations and tours will be borne by the individuals who take part. Each student will have to pay $50 before the trip for their lodging and food, this guarantees the number of persons attending. The trip will be open to any student if the art club fails to fill the bus with their members. Mertens added that the committee could not differentiate this group from any other group that asks for money to make trip for competition sake. Strong said that this was a dangerous precedent to set and that any group could come and ask for money to make trips. Mertens asked if the board only makes decisions on matters of competition meets. Strong said that groups that travel for competition receive recognition and publicity and that it is not a function of ASUM to finance trips that any group on campus wants to take. Mertens said that the art club would receive recognition and would help benefit the University. Cunniff agreed that they would be performing a service even though they would not be competing. Bahr said that the group would derive a direct benefit from what they saw and learned and they would be broadening the image of the University. Hanson said that they staff in the art department are highly professional and that the students could benefit from these people along much more than they could from a trip. Eastman said that the art club enjoyed their activity as much as any other groups and that they should be financed by ASUM. The MOTION PASSED WITH GORTON, PEDERSON, MC EWEN, Bahr, NICKS, GRAY, CUNNIFF, EASTMAN, MERTENS IN FAVOR AND STRONG, HANSON, MARTIN, WEBB, AND THOGERSEN OPPOSED.

MERTENS MOVED TO AMEND THE MOTION TO READ THAT CENTRAL BOARD SHOULD ALSO JOIN ELKS, KIWANIS, ROTARY, LIONS, MOOSE, AND THE CCFIA. THE AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY THOGERSEN. Hanson said that this amendment was ridiculous and that if Mertens did have something against joining the
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Chamber of Commerce he should say so. Mazurek said that the chamber of commerce is going out of their way to get involved with the University. Wicks said that the board should keep in mind that the chamber of Commerce is a group of business men and that we should want to communicate with them but that the board does not have to join to do this. The amendment to the motion failed with Wicks and Mertens and Bahr in favor. Mertens moved to amend the original motion to have the Chamber of Commerce join ASUM. The motion was seconded by Bahr. The amendment to the motion failed with Mertens in favor and Wicks and Bahr abstaining. Gorton said that the Associated Students of the University of Montana are already members of the chamber of commerce because for one, the University is a member and also, the bookstore is a member. He added that we would not received other benefits by joining again when we are already members. The motion was defeated with Hanson and Mcewen in favor.

Constitution

Central board decided to vote on each of the additions to the proposed constitution. Hanson moved to delete the following phrase in Article II: and in furtherance of these purposes and for no other purpose. The motion was seconded by Strong. The motion passed unanimously. Hanson moved to add the following to Article II: ASUM shall be the only legitimate and authorized representative of the students and it shall be responsible for the general welfare of the students. The motion was seconded by Gray. The motion passed unanimously. Hanson moved to add in Section II, Article IV, the following: the President of the Association shall have the authority to call a special meeting of Central Board. It shall be the duty of the President to call meeting of Central Board at least every month during the regular school year. Notices of all meeting of Central Board shall be published beforehand, except when Central Board may deem it necessary to hold on shorter notice by declaring an emergency; whereby, notice may be posted on the University Bulletin boards. The motion was seconded by Bahr. The motion passed unanimously. Strong moved to add the following to Article IV, Section III: and any others specifically delegated by the President to him. The motion was seconded by Mertens. The motion passed unanimously. Thogersen moved to add the following to Article IV, Section V: in the event that all the officers are incapacitated on a permanent basis, Central Board shall determine the most judicious means of obtaining new officers. The motion was seconded by Strong. The motion passed. Thogersen moved to add a new Section VI to Article IV, it would read: all appointments to Student-Faculty and or Administrative Committees shall be made by the President of ASUM and shall be confirmed by a 2/3 vote of Central Board. The motion was seconded by Strong. The motion passed with Mertens opposed. Strong moved that the following be deleted in Section V, Article V: all presidential appointments must be approved by Central Board. The motion was seconded by Gorton. The motion passed unanimously. Strong moved that the following be added to Section VIII, Article V: no policy decisions shall be made by such executive sessions. The motion was seconded by Pederson. The motion passed unanimously. Strong moved to add the following to Section X, of Article V: the impeachment shall be conducted by Central Board. A 2/3 vote of such a session shall constitute impeachment. The motion was seconded by Martin. Thogersen said that this did not supply a means of appeal if a person was impeached. Strong said that the Constitution Review Board should be involved in matters of impeachment, they would not have a vote but their opinions would hold weight. Mertens moved to table this motion until the base number is discussed. The motion was seconded by Bahr. The motion passed with Wicks and Martin opposed. The motion was tabled. Pederson moved to table Sections XII and XIII of Article V until the base number is discussed. The motion was seconded by Wicks. The motion passed unanimously. Thogersen moved to add Section XIV to Article V: in the event of an emergency and the absence of all the officers, Central Board may call a special meeting of a 2/3 vote of all the representatives.
THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY GRAY. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. MARTIN MOVED TO DELETE THE FOLLOWING FROM SECTION I OF ARTICLE VII: THESE COMMITTEES SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE SUPERVISION AND APPROVAL OF CENTRAL BOARD. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY BAHR. THE MOTION PASSED WITH MARTIN ABSTAINING. MARTIN MOVED TO ADD SECTION II TO ARTICLE VII: ALL CHAIRMAN OF THESE COMMITTEES SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF ASUM AND CONFIRMED BY CENTRAL BOARD. THESE COMMITTEES SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE GENERAL SUPERVISION OF CENTRAL BOARD. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY BAHR. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. BAHR MOVED TO TABLE SECTION III OF ARTICLE VIII. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MARTIN. THE MOTION PASSED. MCEWEN MOVED TO DELETE THE OLD ARTICLE IX. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY STRONG. THE MOTION PASSED. GRAY MOVED THAT ARTICLE X BE ACCEPTED: UPON A PETITION OF 5% OF THE MEMBERS OF ASUM, CENTRAL BOARD SHALL BE OBLIGATED TO CONDUCT A REFERENDUM. NO REFERENDUM SHALL BE BINDING UPON CENTRAL BOARD FOR MORE THAN TWO YEARS. TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT OF THE STUDENT BODY MUST VOTE AND A 2/3 MAJORITY OF THOSE VOTING MUST RATIFY THE REFERENDUM. NOTICE OF SUCH REFERENDUM MUST BE GIVEN TWO WEEKS BEFORE THE ELECTION AND MUST BE POSTED ON AT LEAST THREE UNIVERSITY BULLETIN BOARDS. THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA SHALL BE NOTIFIED OF ALL REFERENDUMS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CUNNIFF. THE MOTION PASSED WITH NICKS OPPOSED. Mazurek said that the representative system and the budget function would be discussed at a special meeting of Central Board on Monday, March 2, 1970.

The meeting was adjourned.

ATTENDANCE: HANSON, PEDERSON, GOPTON, STRONG, MCEWEN, BAHR, NICKS, WEBB, GRAY, CUNNIFF, EAST-MAN, MERTENS, THOGERSEN, MARTIN, MAZUREK

EXCUSED: MCKEE

Respectfully submitted,

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