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1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - October 5, 2005 (amend Unfinished Business item a. to note that SB9 was postponed and not passed)
4. PUBLIC COMMENT
5. PRESIDENT’S REPORT
   a. Griz Basketball Update
   b. ASUM Transportation Director Nancy Wilson
   c. Special Legislative Session
   d. D. C. Summit
   e. Students First!
   f. XO Meeting
   g. Parking Letter
   h. Student Involvement Plan
   i. Other
6. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT
   a. Committee Appointments/Removals
   b. KGBA @ 8:30 a.m. Thursday
   c. SBPC Meeting
   d. Other
7. BUSINESS MANAGER’S REPORT
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   SPECIAL ALLOCATION - $15,652
   ZERO-BASE CARRYOVER - $116,364.53
   a. SB-15 Resolution to Amend Fiscal Policy Section 16
   b. STIP - Women’s Rugby scrum machine $3,900 ($3,900)
   c. Special Allocation - Women’s Center Take Back the Night $1,587.30 ($1,114.30)
   d. Special Allocation - UM Student Dance Club Vicario workshop $450 ($450)
   e. Other
8. COMMITTEE REPORTS
9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
   a. SB9-05/06 Resolution Signing on to the “Stop the Raid on Student Aid” Campaign Opposing H.R.609 and the education cuts in the Budget Reconciliation Bill
   b. SB10-05/06 Resolution to Amend Bylaws Article IV, Section 16
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**ASUM Officers**

- **President**: BRAD CEDERBERG
- **Vice-President**: LESLIE VENETZ
- **Business Manager**: VINNIE PAVLISH

**Faculty Advisors**

- **PROFESSOR ANDERSON**
- **PROFESSOR AUSLAND**
Chair Venetz called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. Present: Cederberg, Venetz, Pavlish, Bissell, Buchman, Cox, Dawson, Duncan, Epperson, Gardenier, Helling, Henderson, Hogue, Jacobson, Johnson, Knobloch, Nalty, Pipinich, Prongua, Prosperi, Rassmussen (6:12) and Samuel. Excused was Piedfort.

The October 5, 2005, minutes were approved as amended (Unfinished Business item a. SB9 was postponed and not passed) on a motion by Duncan- Helling.

Public Comment
*Bryce Bennett expressed his concern over SB13 and SB14. He was not for eliminating the COT and Graduate committees.
*Chris Healow expressed concern about SB10 concerning changes to the Transportation Board. He said the Board is one of the most effective committees he has served on. Decisions about transportation are made on a consensus basis, and if that isn’t forthcoming, then more research and discussion occurs until a decision can be made. He didn’t feel that oversight by a Senator is necessarily a good idea. The Advisory Board should be a part of the Bylaws to ensure its existence in the future.

The Chair recognized the presence of Senator Rasmussen.

*Ali Tabibnejad, former Senator and COT Committee Chair, expressed concern about eliminating the COT Committee. While agreeing that it has not been very effective, he would like to see some other ideas for outreach to take its place.
*A member of the Student Dance Club encouraged Senate’s support for their Special Allocation request.
*Women’s Rugby will be celebrating their 30th anniversary of existence and expressed hope that Senate would support their STIP request.

President’s Report
a. Two UM basketball players encouraged Senate to work toward student support of basketball and expressed hope that the student section would come back strong. Winter session basketball games are the least supported, as students are not on campus. There was talk of garnering support to shorten the five-week break.
b. There will be a special legislative session to address education issues.
c. See Cederberg for D. C. Summit conference on training and leadership information.
d. Examples of Students First! materials will be shared with Senate in the next week or two.
e. At the ASUM and UM Administration breakfast on Tuesday, President Dennison presented information on the MPACT program, a pilot program to aid Montana lower income students in obtaining higher education.
f. Cederberg shared the draft of a letter he will be sending to administrators and Campus Security regarding his concern about the towing of students’ cars on a game day.
g. Director Nancy Wilson of the ASUM Office of Transportation gave a power point presentation about the program’s services, costs and ridership. There was some discussion about SB10, to be considered later in the meeting.
h. Cederberg proposed a three-point plan for student involvement, including

Vice President’s Report
*a. The following committee appointments were approved by Senate: Drug and Alcohol Advisory - Derek Duncan (Knobloch-Dawson); Traffic Appeals - Amy
Scott Smith (Knobloch-Johnson); University Court - Sean Mahoney (Knobloch-Pavlish); Academic Court - Sean Mahoney (Dawson-Jacobson). The following removals and appointments to Interview Committee were passed on a motion by Pavlish-Dawson: removals - Denver Henderson, Jake Pipinich, Patrick Johnson, Kim Pappas, Tyler Matthews; appointments - Andrea Helling (Chair), Casey Hogue, Jesse Piedfort, Nate Ziegler, Bill Oram, Ryan Knobloch, Andrew Bissell.  

b. Senator Bissell will represent ASUM on KBGA tomorrow morning.  
c. The Strategic Budget and Planning Committee will meet this Friday in Continuing Ed 210.

Business Manager’s Report  
STIP - $110,086.98  
SPECIAL ALLOCATION - $15,652  
ZERO-BASE CARRYOVER - $116,364.53  

a. SB-15 Resolution to amend Fiscal Policy Section 16 (Exhibit A) passed.  
b. STIP - Women's Rugby scrum machine request for $3,900 was approved.  
c. Special Allocation - Women's Center Take Back the Night request for $1,587.30 was approved for Budget and Finance's amended amount of $1,114.30.  
d. Special Allocation - UM Student Dance Club Vicario workshop request for $450 was approved.

Committee Reports  
a. UC Board (Helling) - Building updates were discussed.  
b. University Dining Services subcommittee on Food Court transition (Helling) - More information will be forthcoming.  
c. Ad hoc committee on ASUM Office Campus Renter Center (Helling) - The committee will meet tomorrow.  
d. ASUM Relations and Affairs (Pipinich) - SB10, SB13 and SB14 received do pass recommendations.  
e. Board on Membership (Hogue) - The following groups were approved for ASUM recognition on a motion by Knobloch-Dawson: American Fisheries Society, AISES, Amnesty International, Artists Collective, Campus Crusade for Christ, Chi Alpha, College Democrats, College Republicans, Cycling Club, EAC, Environmental Law Group, Equestrian Team, Forensics, Golden Key, Good Health Whole Food Group, Hanggliding Club, Honors Student Association, ISA, Intervarsity Christian Fellowship, La Gente Unida, Lambda Alliance, Lutheran Student Society, Footbag Alliance, Native American Graduate Student Association, Objectivist Club, Philosophy Society, Physical Therapy Student Association, Society for Creative Anachronism, Society of American Foresters, Student Recreation Association, Student Veterans Association, Students for Choice, Taiwanese Student Association, Women's Betterside Rugby, Women's Center, Woodsmen's Team.  
f. Graduate Appeals (Nalty) - Meets Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m.  
g. Aber Day (Cederberg) - An art contest for t-shirt design will be advertised by week's end. The committee is working on a marketing plan.

Unfinished Business  
To see a list of resolutions in their entirety with the action taken on them, please go to: www.edu/asum/government/resolution.htm  
a. SB9-05/06 Resolution signing on to the “Stop the Raid on Student Aid” Campaign opposing H.R.609 and the Education Cuts in the Budget Reconciliation Bill (Exhibit B) was moved by Hogue-Cederberg. Cederberg-Pappas collaborated to amend the seventh paragraph to read: Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, that ASUM opposes the cuts to higher education in H.R.609 and in the Budget Reconciliation Bill, which passed on a motion by Helling-Knobloch. A motion by Pavlish-Helling to insert a last paragraph that
reads: Let It Be Further Resolved, that ASUM urges the House of Representatives to pass the Budget Reconciliation Bill by the end of October passed. Hogue-Helling moved to approve the resolution as amended. A roll call vote was requested, and the amended resolution passed 17Y, 4N (see Tally Sheet).

b. SB10-05/06 Resolution to Amend Bylaws Article IV, Section 16 was moved by Duncan-Pipinich. A motion by Duncan-Jacobson to strike the current contents of Section 16 C. and insert The Transportation Board shall meet as necessary, but not less than once per year, with transportation-oriented groups, agencies, and individuals failed after a previous question call by Cox. A motion by Cox-Dawson to recommit to the Transportation Committee failed after a previous question call by Cox. A motion by Helling-Dawson to postpone for one week passed.

c. SB11-05/06 Resolution to Amend Bylaws, Article IV, Section 19 – in committee

d. SB12-05/06 Resolution to commend The KBGA News Director Stan Pillman (Exhibit C) was moved by Helling-Dawson. A motion by Cederberg-Bissell to insert Pillman’s nickname into the title failed. The resolution passed.

e. SB13-05/06 Resolution to amend Bylaws Article IV, Section 11 (Exhibit D) was moved by Duncan-Dawson. A motion by Hogue-Helling to insert a paragraph at the end to read: Let It be further resolved that Personnel Policy Article 4.20 be amended by deleting e, f, 2nd half of g, (2nd half) and renumber passed. A motion by Knobloch-Buchman to insert the establishment of an ad hoc committee failed. The resolution passed as amended after a previous question call by Helling.

f. SB14-05/06 Resolution to amend Bylaws Article IV, Section 12 – in committee.

New Business
a. Resolution to amend Bylaws Article III, Section 2
b. Resolution to amend Personnel Policy
c. Resolution on the Blue Cross Blue Shield policy
d. Resolution to amend Bylaws Article IV, Section 7

Comments

The meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

Carol Hayes
ASUM Office Manager
Resolution to Amend Fiscal Policy Section 16

Whereas, ASUM in its 2004-2005 lobbying session recommended that many groups prepare a STIP Allocation request for the purpose of purchasing digital photographic hardware, particularly including printers and cameras, which are expensive;

Whereas, ASUM has a limited fund from which to upgrade investments for its administration, agencies, and student groups;

Whereas, it would be more economical to buy and maintain communal digital photography hardware and loan it out to student groups on a limited basis;

Whereas, communal hardware would also enable ASUM to maintain a greater degree of control over the expensive purchases;

Whereas, an amended section of Fiscal Policy should apply to the purchase and lending of hardware so that the ASUM Office Manager and the ASUM Business Manager can be fully aware of their responsibilities concerning the ASUM property;

Whereas, the Office Manager currently keeps track of the in-office supplies;

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved that Section 16 of Fiscal Policy be amended to read:

16.0 INVENTORY.
16.1 ASUM may purchase equipment for ASUM Administration, all of its agencies, and student groups. Such equipment will be kept in the ASUM Office under the safe-keeping of the Office Manager;
16.2 The Business Manager shall establish a process by which the Office Manager shall check out equipment to individuals and groups requesting it.
16.3 The Business Manager shall be responsible for keeping an inventory of the community equipment.
16.4 The ASUM may request yearly inventory updates on all equipment purchases and supplies (other than general office supplies) from its organizations.
16.5 All sporting equipment purchased with ASUM funds must be checked in and out through Campus Recreation.

Authored by: Senator Duncan, Business Manager Pavlish

Passed
10/12/05
Resolution Signing on to the "Stop the Raid on Student Aid" Campaign Opposing H.R.609 and the education cuts in the Budget Reconciliation Bill

Whereas, the Associated Students of The University of Montana (ASUM) and the ASUM Student Political Action (SPA) Committee have a strong history of opposing legislation that lowers the availability or amount of financial aid to students;

Whereas, the United States House of Representatives has introduced H.R. 609, which would harm student aid by freezing or cutting funding for critical student aid programs like Pell Grants, LEAP, and the Federal Work Study Program;

Whereas, the United States Congress already approved a budget resolution that will harshly slash the student loan programs in existence;

Whereas, almost $9 billion would be cut from student programs, including student borrower benefits, and the average student debt would increase the average student debt by thousands of dollars;

Whereas, the Budget Reconciliation Bill will finalize these cuts and must be voted on early this Fall;

Whereas, the United States Student Association (USSA) and Student Aid Alliance (SAA) have created a "Stop the Raid on Student Aid" Campaign and Coalition to oppose H.R. 609 and the Budget Reconciliation Bill;

Whereas, ASUM has a history of working with the USSA and the SAA; Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, that ASUM opposes the cuts to higher education in H.R.609 and in the Budget Reconciliation Bill;

Let It Be Further Resolved, that ASUM opposes further cuts to education in the Budget Reconciliation Bill;

Let It Be Further Resolved, that ASUM joins the "Stop the Raid on Student Aid" coalition with the USSA and the SAA;

Let It Be Further Resolved, that the ASUM SPA Committee and SPA Director take action to urge our Montana Congressional delegation to oppose cuts to higher education in H.R.609 and in the education cuts and in the Budget Reconciliation Bill.

Let It be Further resolved, that ASUM urges the House of Representatives to pass the Budget Reconciliation Bill by the end of October.

Authored by: Kim Pappas, Student-at-Large, SPA Committee
Resolution to Amend Bylaws Article IV, Section 11

Whereas, Section 11 charges the College of Technology Committee with duties that can be more efficiently dealt with by other ASUM Committees;

Whereas, the same channels currently used to get involved can be used by all undergraduates to express concerns and deal with issues concerning the student body are open to all UM students, including students at the East and West College of Technology campuses;

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved that the Bylaws of the Associated Students of The University of Montana be amended to read: by deleting Article IV, Section 11, A-I;

Let It Be Further Resolved that ASUM explore new avenues of involving COT students in student government activities;

Let it be further resolved that Personnel Policy Article 4.20 be amended by deleting e, f, g, (2nd half) and renumber.

Section 11. College of Technology Affairs Committee (CTA):
A. The COT Affairs Committee shall be composed of seven (7) members, of which three (3) shall be members of the Senate and the rest students at large from the COT. Any student may be a non voting advisory member of the Committee.
B. A COT student at large or an ASUM Senator shall chair the committee.
C. The Committee shall be responsible for all activities occurring on the College of Technology campuses that affect the ASUM.
D. The Committee shall review the ASUM governing documents and recommend changes as necessary to meet the representation needs of students attending the College of Technology.
E. The Committee shall meet on the College of Technology campuses.
F. The ASUM COT Affairs Committee shall serve as an advisory board to the ASUM COT Student Assistant, providing guidance and supervision.
G. The ASUM COT Student Assistant shall make a report to the ASUM COT Affairs Committee every time it meets unless otherwise instructed by the committee.
H. The ASUM COT Student Assistant shall be authorized to use up to $50.00 from the COT Student Fund every month to facilitate operation of its office or any new projects. The ASUM COT Affairs Committee may authorize any further use of the COT Student Fund.
I. For more information on the COT Student Assistant, consult ASUM Personnel Policy, Item 4.20.

Authored by: Senator Jedediah Cox and Senator Derek Duncan

Passed: 10/12/05
Resolution to Commend The KBGA News Director Stan Pillman

Whereas, Stan Pillman composed a radio feature story about recent national and statewide increases in gambling addictions;

Whereas, his story reveals gambling addiction as a problem that students at the University of Montana face;

Whereas, the radio feature story he compos ed won the Society of Professional Journalists' Mark of Excellence Award;

Whereas, the Society of Professional Journalists’ Mark of Excellence is a national collegiate journalism award;

Whereas, Stan Pillman’s achievements bring recognition to The University of Montana, the UM School of Journalism, KBGA and reflects the overall excellence of students at The University of Montana;

Therefore Let It Be Resolved that ASUM congratulates Stan Pillman on winning the Society of Professional Journalists’ Mark of Excellence, commends him for his excellent work as KBGA News Director, and commends his work towards helping improve the lives of University of Montana students.

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to Stan Pillman and Dean Jerry Brown.

Authored by Senator Ryan Knobloch