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Associated Students
The University of Montana

ASUM SENATE SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

March 3, 2008

South Ballroom - 6 P.M.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - None
4. PUBLIC COMMENT
5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT
 - a. Iraqi Refugees - Lilly, Kevin Nalty
 - b. Selection of Student Regent Nominee(s)
 - c. Other
6. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT
 - a. Other
7. BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT
 - STIP - \$146,290.55
 - SPECIAL ALLOCATION - \$8,730
 - ZERO-BASE CARRYOVER - \$111,787.06
 - TRAVEL SPECIAL ALLOCATION - \$4,093
 - a. Students for Economic and Social Justice Special Allocation request - \$300
 - b. Other
8. COMMITTEE REPORTS
9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 - a. SB32-07/08 Resolution Supporting the Exploration of a Program Allowing Academically Qualified Iraqi Translators to Attend The University of Montana as Students
10. NEW BUSINESS
11. COMMENTS
12. ADJOURNMENT

ASUM SENATE MINUTES
Monday, March 3, 2008
UC South Ballroom - 6 p.m.

Chair Ness called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. Present: President Leftridge, Vice President Ness, Business Manager Henderson; Senators Chapman, Cossitt, Cox, Dodds, Fennell, Fulton (6:11), Gosline (6:25), Harrison, Herrera, Hunter (6:11), Kiki, Morrison, Nalty, Rand, Smillie, Tabibnejad and Tolton. Unexcused were Senators Effertz and Ferguson.

There were no meeting minutes to approve.

Public Comment

*Dean Couture noted that he would be away next week and so will not be attending the regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday of that week.

President's Report

- a. An Iraqi woman who was a translator for the U.S. military is in the United States on a visa. She spoke about her homeland, friends, relatives, Iraqi orphans and the danger for translators and their families.
- b. Senator Tabibnejad, Chair of the Interview Committee, spoke about the process and selection of ASUM's nominee for the Board of Regents student regent position.

The Chair recognized the presence of Senators Fulton and Hunter.

Nominee Cedric Jacobson thanked Senate for holding this special meeting to select a nominee before this week's Board of Regents meeting, at which time MAS will meet to consider candidates. He answered questions Senators posed to him.

The Chair recognized the presence of Senator Gosline.

A motion by **Tabibnejad-Gosline** to approve Jacobson's nomination was approved by unanimous consent on a motion by **Cox**.

b. Due to time constraints during lobbying and final budgeting, Senator Tipton resigned his position. Svein Newman, a former Senator, was nominated by the committee to fill the Senate vacancy for the remainder of Senate's term, since he has prior knowledge of its workings. A motion by **Morrison-Nalty** to appoint him was approved by unanimous consent on a motion by **Hunter**. Dean Couture presided over his swearing-in.

c. Petitions for ASUM executive and senator positions will be available next Monday for those who want to run for office.

Vice President's Report - None

Business Manager's Report

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- a. ASUM Bylaws and House Rules were suspended on a motion by **Leftridge-Nalty** to consider a Special Allocation request.
- b. Students for Economic and Social Justice's Special Allocation request for \$300 passed on a motion by **Cox-Chapman**.
- c. Henderson thanked Senate for the time and effort they spent during lobbying and final budgeting.

Committee Reports

- a. SPA (Harrison) - They will meet tonight at 7:30 to finalize plans for the College Republicans-College Democrats debate.
- b. Housing (Harrison) - They will meet Wednesday at 2:30 in UC224 to work on the mission statement, as it expires and needs to be approved so that Director Henderson can move ahead with plans.
- c. UC Board (Hunter) - Capital allocations and maintenance issues were discussed. Some discretionary funds were approved for spending.
- d. Relations and Affairs (Hunter) - SB32 was given a do pass recommendation.

A motion by **Leftridge-Harrison** to reinstate ASUM Bylaws and House Rules was approved by unanimous consent on a motion by **Cox**.

Unfinished Business

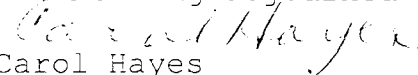
- a. SB32-07/08 Resolution Supporting the Exploration of a Program Allowing Academically Qualified Iraqi Translators to Attend The University of Montana as Students (Exhibit A) was presented as amended in committee. A friendly amendment by **Tabibnejad** to strike "wish to" in line 45 was accepted. A friendly amendment by **Hunter** to insert "Iraqi or Afghan" in line 42 after "qualified" was accepted. A motion by **Tolton-Fennell** to delete "selflessly" in line 10 failed. The resolution as amended was approved by unanimous consent on a motion by **Leftridge** after a previous question call by **Leftridge-Chapman**.

New Business

- a. Resolution to amend ASUM Fiscal Policy (2)
- b. Resolution on bulk advertising contract with Kaimin
- c. Resolution to amend ASUM Bylaws (2)
- d. Resolution on rental discrimination

Comments

The meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.


Carol Hayes
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