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ASUM SENATE AGENDA
April 26, 2006
UC330-331 - 6 p.m.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - April 12, 2006, and April 19, 2006

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT
   a. Other

6. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT
   a. Committee Appointments/Removals
   b. KBGA @ 8:30 a.m. Thursday
   c. Election Posters
   d. MANDATORY CLD/ASUM Reception - TOMORROW @ 6 p.m. in the UC Ballroom
   e. MANDATORY Senate Reception - Wed., May 3rd, UC330-331 @ 5:30 p.m.
   f. Recruit Students-at-Large
   g. Return Binders!!
   h. Pizza/pool at President and Mrs. Dennison's - 1825 Gerald - Monday, May 8, at 5:30 p.m. for outgoing/incoming Senate
   i. Closing Remarks

7. BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT
   STIP - $110,742.92
   SPECIAL ALLOCATION - $2,250.01
   ZERO-BASE CARRYOVER - $116,042.03
   a. Publications Board
   b. Other

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
   a. SB41-05/06 Resolution to change ASUM Bylaws Article V, Section 2, Subpoint 1 - 6-1 do pass
   b. SB55-05/06 Resolution Thanking Professor Tunde Adeleke for His Years of Service at The University of Montana - unanimous consent do pass
   c. SB56-05/06 Resolution to Censure Senator Jake Pipinich
   d. SB57-05/06 Resolution to amend Bylaws Article 4, Section 1, G - 4-3 do pass
   e. SB58-05/06 Resolution to amend Bylaws Article 4, Section 1, J - 6-0-1 do pass

10. NEW BUSINESS

11. COMMENTS

12. ADJOURNMENT
ASUM SENATE TALLY SHEET

SENATE MEMBERS
KOFI ABAIDOO
JOSH BUCHMAN
JED COX
JOHN DAWSON
DEREK DUNCAN
BRENT EPPERSON
SHAWNA HAGEN
ANDREA HELLING
DENVER HENDERSON
CASEY HOGUE
TREVOR HUNTER
CEDRIC JACOBSON
RYAN KNOBLOCH
RYAN NALTY
BILL ORAM
JAKE PIPINICH
JESSICA PRONGUA
ROSS PROSPERI
KARI SAMUEL
ASHLEY SPARANO

ASUM OFFICERS
BRAD CEDERBERG
President
LESLIE VENETZ
Vice-President
VINNIE PAVLISH
Business Manager

FACULTY ADVISORS
PROFESSOR ANDERSON
PROFESSOR AUSLAND
Chair Venetz called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m. Present: Cederberg, Venetz, Pavlish, Abaidoo, Buchman, Cox (late), Dawson, Duncan, Epperson, Hagen, Helling, Henderson, Hogue, Hunter, Jacobson, Knobloch, Nalty, Oram, Pipinich (late), Prongua, Prosperi (late), Samuel and Sparano.

Public Comment
* Senate candidate Jose Diaz gave his reasons for turning in the expense form late.
* Katie Murphy thanked Senate for getting together a relay team.
* Bryce Bennett expressed support for SB41.
* Presidential candidate Reed Perry said he would be filing some grievances. He expressed concern over UC campaigning, ending time for elections, slate expenses, crash of the system during the primary and how in-kind donations should be noted on the expense form.
* Senate candidate Svein Newman said his form was late and that he had in-kind donations only.
* Senate candidate Adam Baylor said his donations were in-kind.
* Elections Chair Hagen read a letter from a student concerned about Jed Cox's posters.
* Jake Pipinich said he decided against censuring Senator Epperson.
* Women's Hockey Team thanked Senate for helping them purchase equipment.

President's Report
a. A Students First! poster was circulated for signatures. The hope is that it will be displayed at ASUM with signatures collected each year.
 b. Cederberg reported that Aber Day went well, with good service projects completed. He thanked all who helped. Hopefully Aber Day will continue.
 c. SB56-05/06 Resolution to Censure Senator Jake Pipinich (Exhibit A) - moved to the President's Report for consideration as precedent dictated. A motion by Helling-Pavlish appealing the decision to require a 2/3 vote on SB56 failed. Previous question calls by Hagen and Dawson failed.

The Chair recognized the presence of Senators Cox, Pipinich and Prosperi.

The resolution failed after a previous question call by Pavlish passed.
d. Cederberg thanked the Women's Hockey Team for stopping by.

Vice President's Report
a. Senate approved the following committee removal/appointment: Provost Search - remove Rob Welsh and appoint Cedric Jacobson. There was an objection by Pavlish because of the process. The removal/appointment passed.
b. Buchman will represent ASUM on KBGA Thursday morning.
c. Election posters will be removed from the UC after 8 p.m. tomorrow. Venetz thanked those who put up election announcement posters and admonished those who didn't carry out this request.
d. Senators were reminded of the mandatory reception tomorrow at 6 p.m. in the UC Ballroom. Senators will receive a certificate and graduation cord.
e. Senators were reminded of the mandatory pre-Senate reception next Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. in UC330-331.
f. Venetz encouraged Senators to recruit students-at-large for committees.
g. Binders should be returned to Venetz's office.
h. Senators were reminded of the pizza party hosted by President and Mrs. Dennison on Monday, May 8, at 5:30 p.m. at their home.
i. Venetz thanked Senate and said she enjoyed her tenure as vice-president.
Business Manager’s Report

• STIP - $110,742.92
• SPECIAL ALLOCATION - $2,250.01
• ZERO-BASE CARRYOVER - $116,042.03

a. Publications Board met and selected Peter Bulger as Kaimin Editor.

Committee Reports

a. Relations and Affairs (Pipinich) - SB41 - 6-1 do pass; SB55 - unanimous do pass; SB57 - 4-3 do pass; SB58 - 6-0-1 do pass.
b. COT Dean Search (Helling) - Candidates are coming for interviews.
c. Election (Hagen) - Hagen-Buchman moved to discuss the grievance to disqualify Senate candidates Svein Newman, Jose Diaz and Adam Boehler for failing to submit their expense statement on time. An objection to consideration by Pipinich failed. After previous question calls by Epperson (failed) and Hagen (2 failed, 1 passed), the grievance was not upheld.
d. Transportation (Samuel) - Volunteers are needed for Walk 'n Roll Week.
e. Athletics (Duncan) - the budget was reviewed.

Five-minute break

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. A motion by Venetz-Henderson to remove SB57 from the docket passed.
b. SB41-05/06 Resolution to change ASUM Bylaws Article V, Section 2, Subpoint 1 (Exhibit B) was moved by Pipinich-Samuel. A motion by Hogue-Cox to delete paragraphs six and seven passed. A motion by Hogue-Cox to delete the last paragraph failed after a previous question call by Cederberg. After a previous question call by Hogue, the amended resolution failed.
c. SB55-05/06 Resolution Thanking Professor Tunde Adeleke for His Years of Service at The University of Montana (Exhibit C) was moved by Helling-Jacobson and was approved with unanimous consent on a motion by Helling.
d. SB58-05/06 Resolution to amend Bylaws Article 4, Section 1, J (Exhibit D) was moved by Venetz-Oram and passed after a previous question call by Cederberg.

New Business

a. Resolution to amend Fiscal Policy

Comments

The meeting adjourned at 10:12 p.m.

Carol Hayes
ASUM Office Manager
Resolution to Censure Senator Jake Pipinich

Whereas, ASUM elections need to be non-partisan and nonbiased;

Whereas, the ASUM Constitution creates an Elections Committee for this purpose;

Whereas, ASUM senators not running for re-election have a duty to be on the Elections Committee in order to allow it to function;

Whereas, in order to fairly oversee elections, Committee members need to be able to remain neutral in order to perform their duties;

Whereas, work on a campaign is a violation of neutrality;

Whereas, Senator Pipinich served on the Elections Committee until just after the beginning of campaigning;

Whereas, during that time Senator Pipinich assisted Senator and Business Manager candidate Dawson by designing posters for his campaign;

Whereas, Senator Pipinich then publicly defended the posters and told fellow senators that he would not vote against them in committee, neglecting to mention that he had made them;

Whereas, these actions have served to undermine the legitimacy of the ASUM elections and ASUM as a whole;

Whereas, serving on the Elections Committee is one of the hardest and least pleasant duties we have as senators;

Whereas, simple removal is not a sufficient punishment, as it allows senators the ability to cheat to get removed from an unpleasant but necessary duty;

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved that the Senate of the Associated Students of The University of Montana censures Senator Jake Pipinich for his actions as a member of the Elections Committee.

Authored by: Senator Josh Buchman

failed
4/26/06
Resolution to change ASUM Bylaws Article V, Section 2, Sub point I

Whereas, the Associated Students of The University of Montana (ASUM) Bylaws currently make no specific reference to the prorating of materials or donations to ASUM campaigns;

Whereas, items purchased for an ASUM campaign should be accounted for in full;

Whereas, it is difficult for the ASUM Elections Committee to determine the percentage of the used versus unused materials purchased for an ASUM campaign;

Whereas, by not accounting for the full purchase price of materials used in an ASUM campaign a candidate does not give an accurate representation of the resources a candidate used in their ASUM campaign;

Whereas, donations currently can be filed on the Expenditure Form as no cost to a campaign;

Whereas, it is unfair to other ASUM candidates if an ASUM candidate is able to receive donations which they do not have to account for as part of their spending limit;

Whereas, by not accounting for donations, an ASUM candidate does not give an accurate representation of the resources a candidate used in their ASUM campaign;

Whereas, fairness to all candidates is a value that the ASUM Senate and ASUM Elections Committee have consistently upheld;

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved that ASUM Bylaws Article V, Section 2, Sub-point I be amended to read:

1. Each candidate, write-in candidate, candidate team, or party must document expenditures for the Elections Committee and make public by filing an expenditure form, complete with receipts, by 3 p.m. two days prior to the general election. An Expenditure Form must be filed even if there are no expenditures.

   1. Materials purchased primarily for an ASUM campaign must be filed at the full purchase price; prorating materials to lower campaign expenses will not be allowed.
   2. Materials/administrative cost donations to an ASUM campaign must be filed at actual or lowest reasonable market value.

Let It Be Further Resolved that this resolution will not go into effect until the 2007 election cycle.

Authored by: Student-at-Large Bryce Bennett

Sponsored by: ASUM Senator Denver Henderson

[Signature] Failed
4-26-06
Resolution Thanking Professor Tunde Adeleke for his Years of Service at the University of Montana

Whereas, Professor Tunde Adeleke will be leaving The University of Montana in August,

Whereas, during his years of service Professor Adeleke has helped increase the diversity of The University of Montana’s curriculum,

Whereas, Professor Adeleke has molded the African American Studies Department into a successful satellite of the History Department,

Whereas, the kind of education Professor Adeleke has provided the students at The University of Montana is invaluable,

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved that the Associated Students of The University of Montana thank Professor Tunde Adeleke for his years of service in providing diversity in education and wish him well in his future endeavors.

Authored by: Senator Shawna Hagen

Approved with unanimous consent
4-26-06
Resolution to Amend Bylaws Article 4, Section 1, J

Whereas, the University Center Executive Board (UC Board) rarely uses its seconding power;

Whereas, a majority of the instances when the seconding power is utilized deal with the budget of the UC Board;

Whereas, it is unnecessary for the UC Board to possess such power;

Therefore, Let it be Resolved that the Associated Students of The University of Montana amend the Bylaws Article 4, Section 1, J to read:

J. All approved actions of University Center Executive Board, SPA and Board on Budget and Finance may be forwarded to the next ASUM Senate meeting as a seconded motion, a seconded motion meaning that a resolution need not be submitted under New Business and after one week be debated under Old Business.

Authored by: ASUM President Leslie Venetz

Passed 4-26-06