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Associated Students
The University of Montana

ASUM SENATE AGENDA

Wednesday, October 1, 2008

UC330-331 - 6 P.M.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - September 17, 2008; September 23, 2008

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

a. Mountainside Chat with Director of Foreign Student Scholar Services Effie Koehn

b. MAS/Board of Regents Recap

c. MAS Website - www.montanaassociatedstudents.org

d. "Dormtroopers" Recap

e. UM Heartwalk - October 11

f. Campus Recreation Tour - October 8, 4 p.m.

g. Other

6. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

a. Committee Appointments/Removals

b. KBGA

c. How to Lobby Workshop

d. ASUM Website

e. Day of Dialogue

f. Other

7. BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

SPECIAL ALLOCATION - \$17,150.00

STIP - \$171,894.93

TRAVEL SPECIAL ALLOCATION - \$25,584.94

ZERO-BASE CARRYOVER - \$152,395.45

a. Travel Special Allocations - \$44,005.55/\$9,722

b. ASUM Administration (Marlene) STIP Request - \$149.99/\$149.99

c. SARC Women's Summit - \$435/\$400

d. Environmental Action Community Special Allocation Request - \$450/\$200

e. Artists' Collective Special Allocation Request - \$350/\$250

f. Persian Student Association Special Allocation Request - \$800/\$400

g. Other

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

10. NEW BUSINESS

11. COMMENTS

12. ADJOURNMENT

ASUM SENATE MINUTES
Wednesday, October 1, 2008
UC330-331 - 6 p.m.

Chair Smillie called the meeting to order at 6:01. Present: President Hunter, Vice President Smillie, Business Manager Gosline; Senators Brockman, Cheung, Dempersmier, Hamilton, Haupt, Kaliyeva, Kettering, Leftridge, Martin, May, Newman, Singer, Sjostrom, Spear, Stusek, Tangjaipak, Wilke and Zolnikov. Excused were Senators Dusek and Fennell.

The minutes for the September 17, 2008, and September 23, 2008, meetings were approved.

Public Comment

*Professor G. G. Weix, Chair of the Standards and Graduate Appeals Committees and Professor of Anthropology, said she assumed Senate was well-briefed on the course repeat fee proposal. The committees are in support of the proposal, and it will be presented to Faculty Senate. She encouraged ASUM Senate to approve it, as it is a compromise that is more equitable than the existing policy and one that they hope will be passed by Faculty Senate and accepted by President Dennison.

*Scott Gauthier encouraged Senate to approve the repeat fee. It is a compromise between the students' desire to bring it to \$0 and the current one of \$100. He said the last proposal to average a course's original and repeat grade narrowly failed, and he thinks this compromise has a good chance of going through.

*Erin Scott, SARC Outreach Coordinator, gave information on the Women's Leadership Summit which will feature yoga, workshops, speakers and other things. She invited Senate to attend.

*Provost Engstrom thanked Senate for the work, time and energy they expend to serve on Senate and committees. He said ASUM is unique compared to other campuses. He also thanked Professor Weix and Scott Gauthier for their work on a repeat fee proposal.

*Josh Crismore from Lambda Alliance thanked Senate for amending the ASUM Bylaws to make it possible for individuals to be active members of Lambda without making their names public. He also noted that Lambda has requested funds for a trip to Bozeman to meet with a similar group at MSU to share information and form a strong alliance for meeting goals.

*Professor Smith noted that the Undergraduate Conference on Research will be held on campus in 2010, and he encouraged Senate to participate by volunteering to help with the conference, attending or presenting a paper.

President's Report

a. A motion by **Hunter-Martin** to reinstate House Rules (which was not done at the last meeting when they were suspended to consider a resolution) passed.

b. Director of Foreign Students and Scholar Services Effie Koehn noted her pleasure at the fact that three foreign students were members of Senate this year. She thanked Senate for its support of the International Students Association and other foreign student groups and the budget that is awarded for the International Food Festival. They are aided by

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interaction with local programs Global Partners and the Missoula International Friendship Program, which is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year. She indicated that the graduate and retention rates of foreign students are high. Koehn's office is located in the Lommasson Center, and she encouraged Senators to visit.

c. Several Senate members attended the MAS and Board of Regents meetings last Wednesday and Thursday in Butte. Authorization was given by the Board of Regents for an increase in spending authority for the new American Indian Center. MAS endorsed the 6 Mil Levy at their meeting.

New officers were elected for MAS, the president of which is Hunter. ☺

d. Senators were encouraged to visit the MAS website at www.montanaassociatedstudents.org.

e. SPA's "dorm troopers" program to register students to vote went well. SPA has completed the voter guide, which will be distributed.

f. Senators were encouraged to raise funds for the Heart Walk or at least to show up for the walk on Saturday.

g. Hunter thanked those who participated in the Dining Services tour.

h. "Taliban: Militant Islam, Oil and Fundamentalism in Central Asia" is UM's selection for the Fall 2008 First-year Reading Experience. Author Ahmed Rashid will speak on "The Strength, Appeal and Prospects of Osama Bin Laden" Thursday, October 9, at 3:40 p.m. in the University Center Theatre and on "Descent into Chaos: The United States and the Failure of Nation Building in Pakistan, Afghanistan, and Central Asia" at 8 p.m. that day in the same location. There will be a question and answer session for first-year students on Friday, October 10, at 10 a.m. in the Theatre.

Vice President's Report

a. A motion by **Hunter-Spear** to approve committee appointments as a slate (Exhibit A) passed.

b. Senator Haupt will represent ASUM on KBGA Thursday morning at 8:45 a.m.

c. A workshop on "How to Lobby" will be presented next Tuesday from 7-9 p.m. in the UC Theatre. This is required for Senators. Anyone with a conflict should see Smillie.

d. Senators whose pictures and bios have not been submitted for the website were asked to give them to Smillie as soon as possible. Others were asked to check the website for the accuracy of theirs.

e. A sign-up sheet was circulated to help with the presentation by Chuck D. on October 23rd. Volunteers will have the opportunity to attend lunch with him. Another sign-up sheet was for the Day of Dialogue to be held October 30th. ASUM will present a workshop on governments in the home countries of international students.

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BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

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- a. Travel Special Allocation requests totaled \$44,005.55. Budget and Finance's recommendation of \$9,722.28 (the total amount available this semester for this initial allocation) passed with a contingency moved by **Hunter-Kaliyeva** dependent upon the completion of Hillel's and Footbag Alliance's documents for recognition.
- b. ASUM Administration's STIP Request for \$149.99 to purchase a chair for Fund Accountant Marlene Hendrickson was approved for same with unanimous consent on a motion by **Dempersmier**.
- c. SARC's Women's Summit Zero-base Carryover request for \$435 passed for Budget and Finance's recommendation of \$400.
- d. Environmental Action Community's Special Allocation Request for \$450 passed for Budget and Finance's recommendation of \$200.
- e. Artists' Collective's Special Allocation Request for \$350 passed for Budget and Finance's recommendation of \$250.
- f. Persian Student Association's Special Allocation Request for \$800 passed for Budget and Finance's recommendation of \$400. The allocation is contingent on their group's recognition next week.

Committee Reports

- a. SPA (Hamilton) - The following draft of their mission statement was adopted on a motion by **Hamilton-Hunter**: "The Student Political Action office seeks to provide non-partisan information and engage the student population of The University of Montana on political issues at the local, state and national levels. The office will advocate for students as directed by the Senate of the Associated Students of The University of Montana." SPA Director Morrison has posted information about the 6 Mil Levy on YouTube. Bumper stickers and yard signs are available at the SPA office.
- b. Board on Membership (Singer) - The slate of groups presented for ASUM recognition (Exhibit B) passed on a motion by **Hamilton-Haupt**. Two groups (Planned Parenthood and Forward MT) were omitted from the original list until they could be reviewed further.

Unfinished Business

- a. A motion by **Hunter-Leftridge** to suspend House Rules for the purpose of considering SB13 and SB14 passed.
- b. **Hamilton-Dempersmier** moved to consider B13-08/09 Resolution regarding Smoking Policy Signs (Exhibit C). After a motion by **Brockman-Martin**, the resolution passed 18-2 on a roll call vote (see Tally Sheet).
- c. **Dempersmier-Leftridge** moved to consider B14-08/09 Resolution regarding ASCRC's Repeat Fee Proposal (Exhibit D). A motion by **Gosline-Zolnikov** to amend it by deleting line 31 passed with unanimous consent on a motion by

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Hunter. The resolution as amended passed 20-0 on a roll call vote (see Tally Sheet) after a motion by **Zolnikov-Leftridge**. A motion by **Hunter-Gosline** to reinstate House Rules passed.

New Business

- a. Resolution regarding Residence Life
- b. Resolution on the repeat fee
- c. Resolution regarding Carol
- d. Resolution to amend Fiscal Policy (2)
- e. Resolution on service learning courses.

Comments

The meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.



Carol Hayes
ASUM Office Manager