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Chair Jacobson called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Present: President Helling, Vice President Jacobson, Business Manager Duncan (6:04); Senators Arvidson (6:08), Bennett, Fries, Gauthier, Greer, Gregory, Hamilton, Henderson, Hess, Hunter, Leftridge, Nalty, Ness, Newman, Pappas, Schultz and Tabibnejad (6:08). Excused were Senators Harrison and Oram. Unexcused was Senator Diaz.

The minutes for October 25, 2006, were approved.

Public Comment - None

The Chair recognized the presence of Business Manager Duncan.

President’s Report
a. UM Campus Sustainability Coordinator Jason Esler reported that more environmental issues will be brought to students. A trial run in the dorms to have recycling bins on every floor instead of just the main floors will be implemented next semester. Energy consumption regarding light fixtures, etc. will be surveyed to see if improvements can be made. Jason can be reached at 243-6001.

The Chair recognized Senators Tabibnejad and Arvidson.

b. SPA Director Filer reported that the Voter Guide is finished. This weekend there will be a concentrated effort to get out the vote with phone-banking, dorm-storming and University Village visits. Senators signed up for various times and will be contacted with specific assignments.

c. Helling asked Senators to save the date of December 9 for the end-of-semester party, which will be held at The Loft.

d. There will be a MAS dinner at the Iron House after the MAS meeting at approximately 8:30 p.m. There will no Senate meeting that night, as Senators will be attending the MAS meeting.

e. The lobbyist position is being advertised with a deadline of 11/15.

Vice President’s Report
a. The following committee removals were approved with unanimous consent: SPA - Bill Oram, Dustin Leftridge. The following committee recommendations were approved with unanimous consent: Campus & Facilities - Andrea Helling, Cedric Jacobson; Faculty Library - Kim Pappas; Gilke Building - Cedric Jacobson; Parking Policy Review - Jessica Prongua; University Court - Bill Oram; University Discrimination Grievance - Jamie Greer.

b. Senator Schultz will represent ASUM on KBGA Thursday morning at 8:30.

c. Jacobson reacted to rumors that a motion may be made to suspend Bylaws or House Rules to consider SB13-06/07 Resolution regarding UM Apparel, which was not introduced under New Business last week. If a motion is made, he encouraged Senators to vote against it, as we should be honoring our policies.
Business Manager's Report

STIP - $154,311.26
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(The following Grants were considered by Senate to be good ideas, but there was concern that they would be in violation of Fiscal Policy and thus were not approved.)

a. ASUM Group Development Grant ($500) Zero Base Carryover failed after a previous questions call by Helling.
b. ASUM Advocacy Grant ($1,000) Zero Base Carryover failed after a previous questions call by Greer.
c. ASUM New/Revived Grant ($500) Zero Base Carryover failed.

Committee Reports

a. ASUM Transportation Advisory Planning (Helling) - This was an inaugural meeting to build bridges between the University and community. UM building projects were discussed.
b. Journalism Dean Search (Helling) - The role description was completed.
c. Relations and Affairs (Bennett) - SB11, SB12 and SB14 were given do pass recommendations 4-0-1.
d. Sports Union (Schultz) - They met last week and discussed how the committee will operate. Groups will be increasing their fundraising efforts and media relations.
e. Transportation (Hess) - They will be presenting resolutions on various construction project stances and other matters. A COT shuttle is being discussed. Input will be solicited from COT students. A general transportation survey is in progress.
f. Campus Rec (Helling) - A senator will be chairing the committee.
g. Student Groups (Helling) - Senators were encouraged to email their assigned groups with information. Talk to Hamilton, Greer, Hunter and Oram for more information.
h. ASCRC - They are discussing and making course and degree changes. Some areas have had modifications.
i. SPA (Gregory) - Updates were given on GOTV efforts. SB15 received a do pass recommendation. SPA meets at 7 p.m. Mondays.

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. SB11-06/07 Resolution regarding Sustainability (Exhibit A) was moved by Helling-Tabibnejad and passed with unanimous consent on a motion by Bennett.
b. SB12-06/07 Resolution to amend ASUM Bylaws Article III, Section 2 (Exhibit B) was moved by Bennett-Henderson and passed with unanimous consent on a motion by Helling after her previous question call.

The Chair passed the gavel to Helling so that he could give an author's speech and answer questions about SB14.
c. SB14-06/07 Resolution in Support of MPACT (Exhibit C) was moved by Gauthier-Jacobson and passed with unanimous consent on a motion by Bennett.
d. SB15-06/07 Resolution regarding Governor Schweitzer's College Affordability Plan (CAP) (Exhibit D) was moved by Helling-Schultz and passed with unanimous consent on a motion by Nalty.

New Business
a. Resolution regarding UM Apparel
b. Resolution to amend Bylaws Section 4
c. Resolution on Section 508 of accessibility regulations
d. Resolution to amend Fiscal Policy
e. Resolution to amend Bylaws Article V, Section 2
f. Resolution to amend Bylaws Article IV
g. Resolution on 3rd street construction

Comments

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Carol Hayes
ASUM Office Manager
Resolution Regarding Sustainability

Whereas, in 2003 President Dennison signed the Tallories Declaration for The University of Montana;

Whereas, bullet point five of the Tallories Declaration states, “we agree to set an example of environmental responsibility by establishing institutional ecology policies and practices of resource conservation, recycling, waste reduction, and environmentally sound operations;”

Whereas, the ASUM has a unique opportunity to be leaders in the movement to implement aspects of this declaration;

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved that the Associated Students of The University of Montana pledge to work towards a sustainable and ecologically friendly campus;

Let It Further Be Resolved that the ASUM and affiliated agencies will pledge to use 100% post consumer product paper for general printing uses;

Let It Further Be Resolved that the ASUM encourages departments and organizations on campus to implement aspects of the Tallories Declaration, including using 100% post consumer product paper.

Let It Further Be Resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to all campus departments and organizations.

Authored by: Senator Dustin Leftridge

Sponsored by: Senator Tara Ness and Senator Eric Shultz

Passed with unanimous consent
11/1/06
Resolution to amend ASUM Bylaws Article III, Section 2

WHEREAS Article III, Section 2E no longer exists within the ASUM Bylaws;

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that ASUM Bylaws Article IV, Section 2 be amended to read:

Section 2. Relations and Affairs Committee:
A. The Relations and Affairs Committee shall be composed of nine (9) members, four (4) of which shall be Senators.
B. The Relations and Affairs Committee shall be responsible for recommending all changes to the ASUM Bylaws and ASUM Personnel Policy.
C. The Relations and Affairs Committee shall work on unbiased projects, ideas, or campaigns intended to increase student involvement in and student awareness of ASUM government in general or any particular issue(s) pertaining to ASUM.
D. The Relations and Affairs Committee shall be responsible for all activities occurring on the University campus that affect ASUM and students. These activities include, but are not limited to: auxiliary service fees and operations, campus development plans, campus security, environmental health, insurance, parking, university athletics, computer fees, academic issues, library operations, long-range building plans, international student affairs, student health service, drug and alcohol policy, and building and equipment fees.
E. The Barbara Hollmann Administrator of the Year Award
1. At the last meeting of the outgoing ASUM Senate, this honor shall be presented to the recipient.
2. The recipient shall be chosen by the Relations and Affairs Committee through a nomination and discussion of potential recipients.
3. The recipient shall be judged on his/her ability to champion student issues.
4. The recipient must show a willingness to include students throughout the entire decision-making process on campus-wide issues.
5. The recipient must also show a willingness to listen to students with the goal of understanding concerns.
F. The Relations and Affairs Committee shall enforce and oversee the execution of Article III, Section 2E of the ASUM Bylaws. Therefore, a motion passed by a two-thirds majority vote in the Relations and Affairs Committee can and will result in an unexcused absence for an ASUM Senator failing to accord with Article III, Section 2E of the ASUM Bylaws. Such decisions of the Relations and Affairs Committee may be appealed by a simple majority vote of the ASUM Senate.
G. Student directors may be removed from office as stipulated by University of Montana policy and ASUM Personnel Policy.

Passed with unanimous consent 11/1/06

Authored by Bryce Bennett, ASUM Senator
Resolution in Support of MPACT

Whereas, Montana received a grade of F for “Affordability” in Measuring Up 2006: The National Report Card on Higher Education;

Whereas, the average debt-load of graduating UM students is upwards of $20,000;

Whereas, there is a widening rift between the rise in the average household income and the increases in the cost of higher education for Montana’s students;

Whereas, these rising tuition costs and substantial debt loads have begun to discourage Montana high school graduates from attending college;

Whereas, UM President George Dennison proposed a plan entitled Montana Partnering for Affordable College Tuition (MPACT) that was approved on a provisionary basis for one year by the Montana Board of Regents;

Whereas, the MPACT program helps reduce debt load of students by roughly half, to an average of $10,000;

Whereas, MPACT program eligibility is based upon both financial and academic criteria;

Whereas, these eligibility requirements help ensure that academically successful students from low-income families can afford college;

Whereas, the number of currently enrolled UM students who meet the criteria is roughly double that of those who had previously enrolled without assistance;

Whereas, the program has been successful and has helped students;

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved that The Associated Students of The University of Montana (ASUM) thank President Dennison for his commitment to making higher education affordable to Montana students.

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved that the ASUM encourage the Montana Board of Regents of Higher Education to continue the MPACT program at The University of Montana.

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved that the ASUM urge the Board of Regents to thoroughly examine the prospect of making MPACT a system-wide program.

Authored by: ASUM Vice President Cedric Jacobson

Sponsored by: ASUM President Andrea Helling

Passed with unanimous consent

11/1/06
Resolution Regarding Governor Schweitzer’s College Affordability Plan (CAP)

Whereas, tuition in the state of Montana has been on the rise since 1991;

Whereas, there is a widening rift between the rise in the average household income and the rises in the cost of higher education for Montana’s students;

Whereas, Governor Brian Schweitzer’s proposed College Affordability Plan (CAP) would hold in-state tuition at current levels for the next biennium;

Whereas, this hold will involve an additional $50 million in state support to help supplement rising operating costs of institutions of higher education;

Whereas, a hold in tuition increases will help ensure that Montana residents will not have to face the continually rising costs of higher education;

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved that the Associated Students of The University of Montana (ASUM) thank Governor Brian Schweitzer for his proposal to hold in-state tuition and promise to make college affordable for Montana residents.

Therefore, Let it Be Further Resolved that the ASUM will work diligently in the upcoming legislative session to make the proposed College Affordability Plan a reality for Montana.

Author by: ASUM President Andrea Helling
ASUM Vice President Cedric Jacobson