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Associated Students  
The University of Montana

**ASUM SENATE AGENDA**  
Wednesday, January 28, 2009  
UC326-327 - 6 P.M.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - None
4. PUBLIC COMMENT
5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT
  - a. Welcome Back!
  - b. Washington Center Inauguration Seminar Student Participants
  - c. Mountainside Chat: Loey Knapp, Tom Fite, and Jon Adams from IT Central
  - d. Welcome Back, Carol - New Process
  - e. Archive Update - <http://www.umt.edu/asum>
  - f. Ad Hoc Committee on Governing Documents Update
  - g. Board of Regents Conference Call Meeting - Friday, January 30, 1 p.m.
  - h. New Event Calendar
  - i. Budgeting Reminders
  - j. Senate Resignations - Senators Newman and Singer
  - k. Three Open Senate Seats
  - l. Ailey II Tickets - Sign Up
  - m. Legislative Intern Hire - Emily Koffler
  - n. Legislative Update
  - o. Other
6. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT
  - a. Committee Appointments/Removals
  - b. KBGA
  - c. Featured Student Group - Psychology Club, Treva Bittinger
  - d. Student Groups 101 - February 5<sup>th</sup>, 6 p.m., UC333
  - e. ASUM Office Hours
  - f. UC/COT Tabling
  - g. Other
7. BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

**SPECIAL ALLOCATION - \$9,000.00**  
**STIP - \$171,539.94**  
**TRAVEL SPECIAL ALLOCATION - \$14,583**  
**ZERO-BASE CARRYOVER - \$144,378.95**

  - a. Budgeting and Finance Committee
  - b. Budgeting Update
  - c. Other

**8. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- a. SB31-08/09 Resolution regarding Transportation for America
- b. SB32-08/09 Resolution supporting Senate Bill No. 166 in the 2009 Montana Legislature

**10. NEW BUSINESS**

**11. COMMENTS**

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

**ASUM SENATE MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, January 28, 2009**  
**UC326-327 - 6 p.m.**

Chair Smillie called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Present: President Hunter, Vice President Smillie, Business Manager Gosline; Senators Brockman, Cheung, Dempersmier (6:15), Dusek, Fennell, Haupt (6:04), Kaliyeva, Kettering, Leftridge, Martin, May, Sjostrom, Stusek, Tangjaipak, Wilke. Excused was Spear. Unexcused were Senators Newman and Singer.

No minutes were available for approval.

**Public Comment**

\*Adina Kaliyeva and Gail Tangjaipak, along with others from Peer Advising, talked about the reorganization of advising on campus. They fear that the program as it now exists will be shut down at the end of this semester. More information is needed to separate fact from rumor.

\*ASUM received an update of Dining Services' Farm to College program.

\*Shayna Price of MontPIRG spoke in favor of the resolution on transportation for America to be discussed later in the evening. She also spoke on protecting the right to vote.

\*UC Director Candy Holt welcomed Senate back for spring semester. She talked to Senate about partnering with them for a room in the UC for tracing ASUM's history, as has been done for the University Center.

The Chair recognized the presence of Senator Haupt.

**President's Report**

- a. Hunter welcomed Senate back after winter break.
- b. Student participants in the Washington Center Inauguration Seminar gave a power point presentation on their experiences and thanked all their sponsors, including ASUM, for the opportunity. They said it was an experience they will never forget.
- c. IT employees Loey Knapp, Tom Fite and Jon Adams gave presentations on email outsourcing with Microsoft, the interactive campus map and a course planner program that will be available in the near future.

The Chair recognized the presence of Senator Dempersmier.

- d. Hunter welcomed Carol Hayes back (from retirement) to fill the office manager position until a replacement is found.
- e. Hunter showed Senate the ASUM website where agendas, minutes and resolutions are now being archived.
- f. The Ad Hoc Committee on Governing Documents met, and amendments to update ASUM policies will be forthcoming.

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- g. Senators are welcome to attend the Board of Regents conference call meeting this Friday at 1 p.m. in the ASUM office.
- h. An event calendar for Senate was distributed and explained. Senators were reminded of the mandatory attendance dates for lobbying.
- i. Senators were asked to notify their assigned group about budgeting information - where to locate forms, dates, etc.
- j. Senators Newman and Singer have resigned their Senate seats.
- k. There are now three Senate vacancies to fill. Applications are due February 6<sup>th</sup>.
- l. Comp tickets available for Senators for the Ailey II dance performance. A sheet was distributed for sign-up.
- m. Emily Koffler has been hired as a legislative intern.
- n. Hunter gave updates on legislative matters. Our lobbyist Lucas Hamilton will be available on a conference call in the office next Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. to give information and answer questions. Hunter explained bill priority information. MAS has sponsored our bills and carried them forward.
- o. Vice President Foley responded to our letter regarding the Honduras factory closing.
- p. President Dennison's Missoulian letter was distributed, and Hunter read some excerpts, which he felt were especially important, about how economically bad times usually translate to less funding support for education, even though more people return to school to increase their employment opportunities.
- q. USPIRG asked ASUM to be a signatory on a letter they are sending regarding Pell grants, increase in student loans and other student-related matters. **Hunter-Dempersmier** moved to have ASUM's signature on the letter, and it was approved with unanimous consent on a motion by **Fennell**.
- r. Hunter noted that ASUM was not aware of the change in Peer Advising but will seek further information.

### Vice President's Report

- a. Committee Appointments/Removals (Exhibit A) were approved as a slate on a motion by **Gosline-Leftridge**.
- b. Senator Sjostrom will represent ASUM on KBGA at 8:45 a.m. Thursday morning.
- c. Treva Bittinger, President of the Psychology Club, spoke about the club and its activities. They do projects with those in a group home for the mentally ill, socialize with students with autism, asperger's and other disorders. They also have made trips to the mental health center in Warm Springs where they interact and do projects. The group meets Fridays from 12:10-1 in Skaggs 303.

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- d. Student Groups 101 will meet Thursday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, at 6 p.m. in UC333 to prepare student groups for budgeting and lobbying.
- e. Senators are to spend one office hour per week at ASUM.
- f. A sign-up sheet was circulated for tabling at UM and COT.

**BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT**

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- a. Budget and Finance will meet next Sunday to consider Spring travel requests.
- b. There are three seats open on Budget and Finance.
- c. Senators were asked to inform their assigned groups of the Student Groups 101 session regarding budgeting. Senators were encouraged to attend, also.
- d. Talk to Gosline about revisions to Fiscal Policy.

**Committee Reports**

- a. SPA (Sjostrom) - A trip to Helena is being arranged for Friday, February 13.
- b. Relations and Affairs (Dusek) - SB31 and SB32 received do pass recommendations.
- c. Transportation (Tangjaipak) - Service will be expanded to double COT service.
- d. Fine Arts Dean Search (Fennell) - They met over break and are moving along in the process.
- e. Recycling (May) - They are working on more education for recycling.
- f. ASCRC (Dempersmier) - They are discussing gen ed requirements and drop/add policy changes.
- g. Student Employment (Smillie) - There is discussion about how fair job posting for students is.
- h. University Council on Student Assault (Smillie) - SARC and Campus Safety are placing new posters in restrooms and other places.

**Unfinished Business**

- a. SB31-08/09 Resolution regarding Transportation for America (Exhibit B) passed on a motion by **Dempersmier-Leftridge**.
- b. SB32-08/09 Resolution supporting Senate Bill No. 166 in the 2009 Montana Legislature (Exhibit C) was moved by **Fennell-Leftridge**. A motion by **Smillie-Brockman** to delete "and Senate Bill 283" in line 50 and insert at the end of the paragraph "as well as Senate Bill No. 283 An Act requiring update of the Montana State Rail Plan by the Department of Transportation for the purpose of complying with public law 110-432 Division B"

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passed. A motion by **Brockman-Hunter** to insert "and 283" at the end of line 59 passed. A motion by **Brockman-Fennell** to insert "and southwestern" in line 42 failed. A motion by **Brockman-Dempersmier** to delete lines 44-47 failed. A motion by **Sjostrom-Fennell** to amend line 44 by deleting "Whereas," and inserting "therefore, ASUM will encourage" at the beginning and amend line 46/47 by deleting "likely share the same sentiment" and inserting "to support Amtrak" in its place passed. A previous question call by **Hunter** passed, and SB32 passed as amended.

**New Business**

- a. Resolution regarding LGBTIQ legislation
- b. Resolution to institutionalize Day of Dialogue
- c. Resolution regarding student outreach
- d. Resolution on the indexing of ASUM Transportation
- e. Resolution to amend Fiscal Policy
- f. Resolution on ASUM Transportation
- g. Resolution to partner with the UC for a room for an ASUM historical project

**Comments**

The meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

  
Carol Hayes  
ASUM Office Manager