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ASUM SENATE AGENDA
Wednesday, March 25, 2009
UC326-327 - 6 P.M.

- 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - March 11, 2009
- 4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

- 5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**
 - a. Mountainside Chat with Dave Forbes, Dean of The College of Health Professions and Biomedical Sciences
 - b. Board of Regents/MAS Update
 - c. Legislative Update
 - d. Renter Center Search
 - e. Other

- 6. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**
 - a. Committee Appointments/Removals - None
 - b. KBGA
 - c. Tabling
 - d. End of Year Awards and Recognitions
 - e. Other

- 7. BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT**

SPECIAL ALLOCATION - \$5,445.75
STIP - \$165,419.79
TRAVEL SPECIAL ALLOCATION - \$0
ZERO-BASE CARRYOVER - \$142,743.95

 - a. Northern Rockies Model Arab League Special Allocation Request - \$5,800/\$1,400
 - b. Finance Club Special Allocation Request - \$75/\$75
 - c. NARAL Students for Choice - \$1,600/\$370
 - d. Water Polo Club STIP Request - \$1,126/\$750
 - e. Other

- 8. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- 9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
 - a. SB49-08/09 Resolution regarding the Employee Free Choice Act - tabled in committee
 - b. SB50-08/09 Resolution regarding Sustainability Fee
 - c. SB51-08/09 Resolution regarding UM Productions Position Update in ASUM Personnel Policy

- 10. NEW BUSINESS**
- 11. COMMENTS**
- 12. ADJOURNMENT**

ASUM SENATE MINUTES
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UC326-327 - 6 p.m.

Chair Smillie called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Present: President Hunter, Vice President Smillie, Business Manager Gosline; Senators Barhaugh, Brockman, Cheung, Dempersmier (6:02), Dusek, Fennell, Haupt, Kaliyeva, Kettering (6:04), Schembra, Stusek, Tangjaipak, Verlanic, Wilke and Zolnikov. Unexcused were Senators Leftridge, Martin, May, Sjostrom and Spear.

The March 11, 2009, minutes were approved.

Public Comment

- *A Water Polo group member talked about the group's STIP request for swim caps. He said they are basic equipment for safety and last a long time.
- *Sustainability Center Coordinator Jessie Davie, Shannon Kuhn speaking for the Students for Real Food group and four others spoke in favor of SB50 and the Revolving Energy Loan Fund (RELF).
- *A MontPIRG representative said the transportation campaign was moving along well. The Rally for Rails event will be Wednesday, April 8, on the Oval. MontPIRG is also working on a petition drive for a MontPIRG fee.
- *Josh Peters-McBride reported on upcoming events in the UC, including a lecture, open mic, game room activities, championship game for March Madness in the UC Theater, Pride Week, gallery opening and the recurring international student-sponsored event in the game room.

President's Report

a. Dave Forbes, Dean of The College of Health Professions and Biomedical Sciences, spoke about the college's different schools and programs.

The Chair recognized the presence of Senators Kettering and Dempersmier.

b. Hunter thanked Senators Wilke, Zolnikov, Fennell, May, Haupt and Schembra for attending the MAS and Board of Regents meetings in Helena. Interviews were held for the student regent position, and three names were forwarded to Governor Schweitzer for consideration, our UM candidate among them. UM, MSU-Bozeman and MSU-Billings are all opposing HB228. MSU is supporting Transportation for America. It was disappointing that the session with the Regents was so short. The Regents are considering a tuition freeze, which the students feel is a bad idea for higher education, since there is a \$10 million shortfall, and there won't be additional monies available except for possible stimulus package money which will be used to cover the tuition freeze. A freeze might result in closed class sections, eliminate programs and decrease the number of adjunct faculty.

c. ASUM Lobbyist Hamilton is ill and has gone home for a short time.

There was a hearing on SB228. HB323 and HB188 passed through the house.

d. The directorship position for the ASUM Off-Campus Renter Center has been advertised and will close April 4. The review of applicants will start April 7, followed by interviews and selection of a new director.

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e. An article about our ASUM Advisor Garon Smith, was circulated (Exhibit A).

f. Hunter notified Senate about ASUM Accountant Marlene Hendrickson receiving the Outstanding Service to Students Award.

Vice President's Report

a. There were no Committee Appointments/Removals.

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

c. Senators are needed for UC tabling from 1-2 and 2-3 tomorrow.

d. Smillie encouraged Senators to look at the information she sent out about awards and to nominate some deserving student.

BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

SPECIAL ALLOCATION - \$5,445.75

STIP - \$165,419.79

TRAVEL SPECIAL ALLOCATION - \$0

ZERO-BASE CARRYOVER - \$142,

a. Northern Rockies Model Arab League's Special Allocation request for \$5,800 and recommended by Budget and Finance for \$1,400 passed for same after a previous question call by **Tangjaipak**.

b. Finance Club's Special Allocation Request for \$75 and recommended by Budget and Finance for same passed.

c. NARAL Students for Choice's Special Allocation request for \$1,600 and recommended by Budget and Finance for \$370 failed.

d. Water Polo Club's STIP Request for \$1,126 and recommended by Budget and Finance for \$750 passed.

Committee Reports

a. Fine Arts Dean Search (Fennell) - They interviewed an applicant this past week, and two more will be coming for interviews.

b. Elections (Tangjaipak) - So far 36 senator, three president/vice president and two business manager packets have been picked up.

c. Relations and Affairs (Dusek) - SB49 was tabled, and SB50 and SB51 were given do pass recommendations.

d. Day of Dialogue (Kaliyeva) - They are working on a slogan and promotional video.

e. Financial Aid and Scholarship Review (Gosline) - They went over forms for clarity and did some editing.

f. ASCRC (Dempersmier) - A guide has been put together to show gen eds and how they count. Upper division writing courses are being discussed.

g. Board on Membership (Brockman) - The following slate of groups were approved for recognition on a motion by **Hunter-Brockman**: The Random Activity Club, Central Asian Student and Scholar Association and Black Student Union. The Montana Conservation Voters Student group's recognition was delayed until more information is available.

h. Writing (Smillie) - They are proposing a transitional period for juniors and seniors so they can adhere to the requirements in affect when they started.

Unfinished Business

- a. SB49-08/09 Resolution regarding the Employee Free Choice Act was tabled in committee.
- b. SB50-08/09 Resolution regarding Sustainability Fee's referendum language was deleted on a motion by **Hunter-Gosline** . It was felt that the resolution should be passed first and the referendum language considered based on the final wording, since many amendments would be forthcoming. A motion by **Dempersmier-Schembra** to insert *at least two (2) being ASUM Senators*, in line 49 passed. A motion by **Hunter-Fennell** to table the resolution failed. A motion by **Zolnikov-Barhaugh** to send the resolution back to committee passed.
- c. SB51-08/09 Resolution regarding UM Productions Position Update in ASUM Personnel Policy (Exhibit B) was moved by **Hunter-Tangjaipak** and was approved by unanimous consent on a motion by **Gosline**.

New Business

- a. Resolution regarding the ASUM Transportation fee increase referendum language
- b. Resolution regarding a MontPIRG fee
- c. Resolution regarding the ASUM Activity Fee
- d. Resolution regarding Curry Health Center no-shows
- e. Resolution to amend Bylaws
- f. Resolution regarding housing internet access

Comments

The meeting adjourned at 9:42 p.m.

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