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ASUM SENATE AGENDA
Wednesday, April 15, 2009
UC330-331 - 6 P.M.

- 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - April 8, 2009**
- 4. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- 5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**
 - a. Mountainside Chat with Bonnie Allen, Dean of the Mansfield Library
 - b. Confirmation of UM Productions Director
 - c. Weekly Legislative Update
 - d. MontPIRG Fee Referendum Update
 - e. Ice Cream Social with Missoula Legislators - Sunday, May 3rd
 - f. other
- 6. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**
 - a. Committee Appointments/Removals
 - b. KBGA
 - c. Pizza Party for current and new Senates with President and Mrs. Dennison - Monday, May 4, 5:15-7:30 p.m. in the UC Game Room
 - d. Other
- 7. BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT**

SPECIAL ALLOCATION - \$3,320.75
STIP - \$164,669.79
TRAVEL SPECIAL ALLOCATION - \$0
ZERO-BASE CARRYOVER - \$142,743.95

 - a. UM Flat Special Allocation request - \$458.08/\$309.08
 - b. Missoula Footbag Alliance Special Allocation request - \$2,350/\$1,450
 - c. Other
- 8. COMMITTEE REPORTS**
- 9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
 - a. SB54-08/09 Resolution regarding RELF Referendum Language
 - b. SB55-08/09 Resolution regarding the Montana Kaimin Referendum Language
 - c. SB56-08/09 Resolution regarding Graduate Student Tuition Waiver Policy
- 10. NEW BUSINESS**
- 11. COMMENTS**
- 12. ADJOURNMENT**

ASUM SENATE MINUTES
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Chair Smillie called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. Present: President Hunter, Vice President Smillie, Business Manager Gosline; Senators Barhaugh, Brockman, Cheung, Dempersmier, Dusek, Fennell, Haupt, Kaliyeva, Kettering (6:08), Leftridge, Martin, May, Schembra, Sjostrom, Spear (6:04), Stusek, Tangjaipak, Verlanic (6:04), Wilke and Zolnikov.

The minutes from the April 8, 2009 meeting were approved.

The Chair recognized the presence of Senator Spear.

Public Comment

*Sheena Rice updated Senate on MontPIRG's bid to have a fee referendum on ASUM's General Election ballot. They have submitted a petition with 1400 signatures. A total of 600 must check out to have this happen. They are hosting an informational open house Sunday from 5-7 p.m. in Corbin 360 and encouraged Senators to attend.

*A MontPIRG board member read a letter from Denver Henderson supporting the fee.

*Psychology Club thanked Senate for supporting their weekend event. It was a total success, and they are planning for next year's repeat event.

*Interfraternity Council members spoke about Greek Week coming up in two weeks, which will include a carnival day on the Oval and a fundraiser for Big Brothers Big Sisters at the Roxy - a superhero rock band contest.

*Vinnie Pavlish and Rikki Gregory spoke in support of MontPIRG.

*A third-year law student thanked Senate for supporting ASUM Legal Services. He served in their intern clinic and knows firsthand what a valuable service it is for so many students.

*Molly Collins, who directs UC student activities, told about upcoming UC events - art fair, xbox tournament, art gallery opening, and a gallery poetry and prose reading.

The Chair recognized the presence of Senators Kettering and Verlanic.

President's Report

a. Mansfield Library Dean Bonnie Allen spoke about the library's services and future plans that will benefit students, faculty and other users.

b. **Hunter-Brockman** moved to confirm Becca Seliskar as the new UM Productions director, which was approved with unanimous consent on a motion by **Gosline**.

c. Legislative activities have focused on the stimulus package. The university system is faced with funding cuts.

d. Hunter reiterated Rice's public comment remarks on the MontPIRG fee and added that, if it is on the general election ballot, at least 12% of ASUM members must vote in the election, and a majority (50% plus one) of those voting must vote to ratify the referendum proposal.

e. An ice cream social with legislators will be Sunday, May 3rd at 4 p.m.

Vice President's Report

- a. There were no committee appointments/removals.
- b. Senator Barhaugh will represent ASUM on KBGA Thursday morning.
- c. Senators have been invited to a pizza party hosted by President and Mrs. Dennison in the UC Game Room Monday, May 4th from 5:15-7:30 p.m.

BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

SPECIAL ALLOCATION - \$3,320.75

STIP - \$164,669.79

TRAVEL SPECIAL ALLOCATION - \$0

ZERO-BASE CARRYOVER - \$142,743.95

- a. UM Flat's Special Allocation request for \$458.08 was recommended by Budget and Finance for \$309.08 and was approved with unanimous consent for same on a motion by **Brockman** after a previous question call by **Hunter**.
- b. Missoula Footbag Alliance's Special Allocation request for \$2,350 was recommended by Budget and Finance for \$1,450 and passed for same.

Committee Reports

- a. Relations and Affairs (Dusek) - SB54, 55, and 56 received do pass recommendations.
- b. Student Computer Fee (Sjostrom) - They discussed computer lab tracking to determine the need for labs.
- c. Gen Ed (Martin) - ASCRC and Gen Ed committees need to come to an agreement on the gen ed interpretations.
- d. Day of Dialogue (Kaliyeva) - They are happy to have ISA, Muslim Student Association and Native American student groups working with them.
- e. SPA (Wilke) - They are planning the ice cream social with legislators.
- f. ASCRC (Dempersmier) - They discussed having an SSEA Studies program.
- g. Publications Board (Gosline) - They will meet to select the new Montana Kaimin editor and business manager.
- h. Elections (Tangjaipak) - Primary results will be in tonight.
- i. Faculty Library (Haupt) - They are discussing the budget.

Unfinished Business

- a. SB54-08/09 Resolution regarding RELF Referendum Language (Exhibit A) was moved by **Dusek-Tangjaipak**. **Hunter-Fennell** moved to amend it by inserting "the University and" after "saves" in the first sentence, replacing "would" with "could" in the fourth sentence, and inserting "the" before "campus" in the fifth sentence of the referendum. **Sjostrom-Wilke** moved to amend the amendment by inserting "and students" after "University in the first sentence, which passed after a previous question call by **Sjostrom**. A motion by **Hunter-Wilke** to strike "and saves the University and students money by lowering utility bills" and insert "and save money" at the end of the first sentence passed after a previous question call by **Hunter**. A motion by **Stusek-Zolnikov** to replace "abound" with "exist" passed. SB54 as amended was approved with unanimous consent on a motion by **Hunter**.

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b. SB55-08/09 Resolution regarding the Montana Kaimin Referendum Language (Exhibit B) was moved by **Hunter-Spear**. A motion by **Hunter-Zolnikov** (with grammatical friendly amendments by **Dempersmier**) to amend the last sentence to read "This fee would be used to modernize the technology of the Montana Kaimin office, maintain necessary financial reserves, meet mandatory increases in the minimum wage and continue to provide special advertising rates to student groups" passed. SB55 as amended pass after a previous question call by **Fennell**.

c. SB56-08/09 Resolution regarding Graduate Student Tuition Waiver Policy (Exhibit C) was moved by **Dempersmier-Sjostrom** and was approved with unanimous consent on a motion by **Dempersmier**.

New Business

- a. Resolution on MontPIRG fee language
- b. Resolution to amend ASUM Bylaws
- c. Resolution to amend ASUM Fiscal Policy
- d. Resolution regarding dead week

Comments

The meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

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