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ASUM SENATE AGENDA
March 21, 2007
UC330-331 - 6 p.m.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - None

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT - None

6. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT
   a. SPA Director Gregory - Report
   b. Committee Appointments/Removals
   c. KBGA @ 8:30 a.m. Thursday
   d. Other

7. BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT
   SPECIAL ALLOCATION - $7,406.72
   S.T.I.P. - $103,281.59
   ZERO BASE CARRYOVER - $93,045.23
   a. Lambda Pi Eta Special Allocation Request - $100/$100
   b. Colleges Against Cancer Special Allocation Request - $357/$357
   c. COT Culinary Program Emergency Travel Allocation - in committee
   d. UM Jazz Band STIP Request - in committee
   e. Other

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
   a. SB28-06/07 Resolution amending Personnel Policy, Item 3.0
   b. SB32-06/07 Resolution supporting Fee Increase for KBGA Student
      Radio and Sending Proposed Fee Increase to Student Referendum
   c. SB34-06/07 Resolution to send Montana Kaimin Fee Increase to
      Referenda
   d. SB35-06/07 Resolution to Congratulate the Lady Griz Basketball
      Teams
   e. SB36-06/07 Resolution in Support of An Arabic Language Studies
      Minor

10. NEW BUSINESS

11. COMMENTS

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**Senator Members**
- Jacob Childers
- Jose Diaz
- Eric Fulton
- Scott Gauthier
- James Greer
- Lucas Hamilton
- Allie Harrison
- Erica Henderson
- Jordan Hess
- Trevor Hunter
- Dustin Leftridge
- Sean Morrison
- Kevin Nalty
- Ryan Nalty
- Tara Ness
- Svein Newman
- Kimberly Pappas
- Eric Schultz
- Ali Tabibnejad
- Pete Tolton

**Asum Officers**
- Andrea Helling (President)
- Cedric Jacobson (Vice-President)
- Bryce Bennett (Business Manager)

**Faculty Advisors**
- Professor Anderson
- Professor Ausland
Chair Jacobson called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Present: Vice President Jacobson, Business Manager Bennett; Senators Childers, Diaz, Fulton, Gauthier, Hamilton, Harrison, Henderson, Hunter, Leftridge, Morrison, Ness, Pappas (6:10), Schultz, Tabibnejad, and Tolton. Excused were President Helling and Senators Greer and Newman. Unexcused were Senators Hess, K. Nalty and R. Nalty.

There were no minutes to approve.

Public Comment
*Jamil Chaudry, Muslim Student Association Advisor, and Ryan Fries, a non-student member of the Association, relayed information about an incident in which a Saudi student was asked to leave a neighborhood restaurant - Pickle Barrel (Exhibit A). While they think it may have been a case of mistaken identity, they were upset that the manager would not discuss the incident at the time. They hope that there will be some investigation of the matter. They believe there was also discrimination involved.

*Arabic instructor Samir Bitar and several past and present students of Arabic spoke in support of a minor for Arabic Studies and expressed hope that ASUM would endorse it. They said it was the fastest growing area next to Spanish. They feel there is an emerging need due to the current world situation.

President’s Report - None (out-of-town)

Vice President’s Report
a. Elections Chair Gregory distributed a paper which detailed 2007 Elections Committee Policies and a ruling on a complaint that the Elections Committee had passed (Exhibit B). A motion by Bennett-Fulton to add "at the discretion of the Elections Committee" at the end of 5) failed. A motion by Schultz-Fulton to endorse the policies as set forth by the Committee passed. Gauthier-Pappas moved to approve the complaint ruling by the Committee that was determined after a hearing on a complaint filed by Jose Diaz against Cedric Jacobson and Ryan Nalty citing that they were campaigning before the date stated in the rules by sending an email to 100 friends and a Facebook group that was started by a friend. A motion by Fulton-Tabibnejad to amend the amount of $15 in complaint ruling 2) to $5 failed on a roll call (see Tally Sheet) 5-5 tie vote after a previous question call by Ness failed.

The Chair recognized the presence of Senator Pappas.

The original motion passed 10Y, 1N, 5A on a roll call vote (see Tally Sheet).

b. The following committee appointment was approved with unanimous consent: Budget and Finance - Lindsay Erickson. The following committee recommendations were approved with unanimous consent: Ethics - Ali Tabibnejad, Ryan Nalty.

c. Senator Diaz will represent ASUM on KBGA Thursday at 8:30 a.m.
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b. Colleges Against Cancer's Special Allocation request for $357 and recommended by Budget and Finance for same was approved with unanimous consent on a motion by Jacobson.
c. COT Culinary Program's Emergency Travel Allocation request is in committee.
d. UM Jazz Band STIP request is in committee.
e. ASUM Administration's request for $8,250 to pay its portion of new carpeting for the area passed.

Committee Reports
a. Relations and Affairs (Schultz) - SB36 received a do pass recommendation.
b. Schultz stressed the need to address the safety and respect of students.
c. ASCRC (Tabibnejad) - A consensus was reached on the General Ed model and sent on to ECOS for consideration.
d. Publications Board (Bennett) - A Kaimin fee increase was discussed.
e. School of Education Dean Search (Jacboson) - The search is ongoing.
f. Curry Health Center Medical Services Director (Jacobson) - They are meeting to discuss the process.
g. Student Computer Fee (Jacobson) - Punch cards will be eliminated in all but Gallagher and Library labs, which will follow suit in phase two. Labs will be automated for debit cards plus the use of cash in Gallagher and Library labs. Port charges and allocations were also discussed. The new system will tie in with the GrizCard UMoney debit system infrastructure to enable students to charge the prints directly to their UMoney accounts.

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. SB28-06/07 Resolution amending Personnel Policy Item 3.0 - in committee
b. SB32-06/07 Resolution supporting Fee Increase for KBGA Student Radio was moved by Morrison-Pappas. There was a three-minute break to pull up a powerpoint presentation. A motion by Bennett-Tabibnejad to return SB32 to committee for ballot referendum language passed.
c. SB34-06/07 Resolution to send Montana Kaimin Fee Increase to Referenda - in committee.
d. SB35-06/07 Resolution to Congratulate the Lady Griz Basketball Teams (Exhibit C) was moved by Gauthier-Hunter and approved with unanimous consent on a motion by Leftridge.
e. SB36-06/07 Resolution in Support of an Arabic Language studies Minor (Exhibit D) was moved by Morrison-Fulton. A motion by Schultz-Bennett to insert "Whereas, it is important to recognize students' hard work after they have progressed through the Arabic program;" after the last whereas statement was approved with unanimous consent on a motion by Fulton. A motion by Schultz-Morrison to insert a final whereas statement to read "Whereas, The University of Montana has a unique opportunity to recognize and support Arabic Language Studies as a minor and to become a leading institution in this area;" passed, 45-0 on a roll call vote (see Tally Sheet) after a motion to approve with unanimous consent by Bennett was objected to by Schultz.

New Business

a. Resolution for a stance on discrimination in the University and community
b. Resolution to take action against the Pickle Barrel restaurant
c. Resolution to amend Bylaws Section 2, Articles A & B
d. Resolution for the removal of the Pickle Barrel from the Griz Card list
e. Resolution to change the ASUM Accountant position description
f. Resolution on Rehberg's vote against the wellbeing of Montana soldiers
g. Resolution regarding Dining Services
h. Resolution regarding professors' royalties
i. Resolution regarding the MPEA
j. Resolution supporting an ASUM Activity Fee increase
k. Resolution thanking University Administration for their continued support of the ASUM Office of Transportation
l. Resolution encouraging University Administration to partially fund Cutbank
m. Resolution congratulating the men's basketball team

Comments

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Carol Hayes
ASUM Office Manager
I went to one of the close restaurants by my apartment to have lunch. When I was locking my bike in the area specified for bikes, one of the employees at the restaurant said hello to me, and I replied to him. He also said an expression that I did not understand, and I asked him to explain it to me and he did. He asked me if I would enter the restaurant, and I said “yes”. I locked my bike and realized that the same employee was talking with another employee inside the restaurant. They were looking at when they were talking. I entered the restaurant. Before I even ordered anything, the other employee (I came to know that he was the manager) asked me: “Do you know me?” I said “Yes, you work here in this restaurant.” He said, “I saw you before somewhere else.” I asked him, “Where exactly?” He said, “Downtown.” I said, “That is possible.” He said, “Yes, you are the person I saw.” I said again, “That is possible.” Then, he looked at his colleague, and said, “This is the person I saw downtown.” I asked him, “Why do you ask me this question and in this way? Is there a problem?” He said, “Yes.” I felt something was not OK and he confused me with someone else. I asked him, “What is the exact problem?” He asked me, “Do you drink alcohol?” I said, “No.” He said, “You were walking downtown, drunk with your friends. You argued with me.” I said, “Believe me, I am not the person you are talking about. There are many Saudi students who look like me. You might have confused me with somebody else. I am a student here, and I have not been in any problem with anyone. I am a peaceful person, and I don’t drink alcohol altogether. I rarely go downtown.” He replied loudly, saying, “I am very sure it was you.” At that time, another employee said to me, “I believe you, but I don’t know why he insists that it was you.” Then, the manager shouted loudly, saying: “Get out of this restaurant, and don’t come back again. It is my restaurant, and I don’t allow you to come here again.” I wanted to clarify the issue, but he threatened to call the police if I did not leave then. I am innocent. I was feeling sad, discriminated against, and insulted. There were people in the restaurant, and they were looking. I left the restaurant. I was very sad, and I wondered why the manager treated me in that way ... why he insulted me ... why he discriminated against me. Where? In the land of the free! Is it because of the color of my skin? Is it because of the color of my hair? Is it because I am an Arab, particularly, a Saudi?

I rode my bike, and I was thinking of this mistreatment and discrimination. I thought of talking to someone I trust to explain the situation and see what he would suggest. I talked to Khaled Huthaily, and he said he would talk to Jeanne Loftus. Khaled called me after he had talked to Jeanne, and told me that Jeanne talked to the Police and explained the situation to them. He said that Jeanne was asked about the description of the person. I described the person to Khaled, and he spoke with Jeanne from his other phone directly. Then, Khaled called me and said that Dr. Kia was told about this situation and that he (Dr. Kia) would meet us by the Community Center. I went there, and I found Dr. Kia and Khaled waiting in Dr. Kia’s car. The three of us went to the restaurant where the incident took place.

Jeanne and an attorney were waiting outside the restaurant. We all entered the restaurant. Dr. Kia asked the employees, “Did you see this person (that is me) before?” They said, “Yes.” Dr. Kia asked about the person who asked me to leave the restaurant, and they said, “He left.” One of the employees called the manager, but he said that the manager did not answer the phone. I wanted to report what happened to the police, so the attorney
called the police and told them what I wanted. They said that someone was on the way. Dr. Kia, the attorney, Jeanne, Khaled, and I waited for the police in the restaurant. While we were waiting, someone from the restaurant (the owner) came in an intimidating and angry attitude and with no respect to any of us asked us to leave. He opened the door and said, “Let’s talk outside.” In an angry tone, he said, “Talk!” Dr. Kia said, “We’ll talk when the police comes.” The attorney told the owner of the restaurant what happened. The owner said that I was asked leave the restaurant a few weeks ago and that I still came to his restaurant. That was not true at all. We told him so and told him that even his employees can testify that. He asked one of his employees to come. The employee said I never did anything bad in the restaurant and that I had never been asked to leave the restaurant before today’s incident. Again, I don’t know why the owner of the restaurant told a lie! He did not know me, and I did not know him; why did he lie?

The police came. At that time the manager who asked me to leave also came. One of the two policemen talked to the manager and the owner of the restaurant, while the other talked to the five of us. The officer asked me to tell him what happened, and I did so. This is what happened today, and I wanted to document it, because I still feel sad and I have not been treated fairly.
2007 Elections Committee Policies

General Policies

1) The 2007 elections committee acknowledges the deadline for submitting petitions is at 4:00pm (as per the ASUM front desk clock) on Thursday March 22, 2007 and the committee will not accept any petitions submitted after the deadline.

2) The mandatory meeting on Thursday March 22, 2007 at 5:00pm is required of all candidates. Candidates who do not attend will be disqualified. Exceptions will be made if the elections committee chair is notified beforehand, and other arrangements are made.

3) Prorating of campaign materials, as defined by the 2007 ASUM elections committee will not be allowed.

4) In instances where no receipt is provided for printing, the candidate will be required to use rates from Campus Quick copy in their expenditure reports.

5) In cases of damaged campaign materials that are deemed to be no fault of the candidate by the 2007 elections committee, candidates will be allowed to replace that material without the expense counting against their expenditure totals.

6) When posters are removed because of campaign rules violations, the cost will count towards their campaign expenditure totals.

Complaint

1) The elections committee requests that Cedric Jacobson officially contact facebook, and the facebook group’s creator, and request removal of the group and submit documentation of these requests to the elections committee by March 21st at 5:00pm or the candidates will be disqualified.

2) The elections committee will fine the Jacobson/Nalty campaign $15 to come from their allowed campaign funds for violation of Section 2 Article B of ASUM Elections Bylaws.

Passed
10v in 5A
on a roll call vote
3/21/07
Resolution Regarding ASUM Activity Fee Increase

Whereas, the activity fee for the Associated Students of The University of Montana funds six agencies and over 65 student groups;

Whereas, the activity fee was last increased in May of 2002 to support the creation of the Off-Campus Renter Center and raise student pay;

Whereas, since 2002, classified staff received pay raises while the employer portion of health insurance and benefits continues to rise;

Whereas, the administrative assessment continues to grow;

Whereas, the new state minimum wage promoted ASUM to increase student rates to compensate for the higher minimum wage;

Whereas, the above listed increases have severely limited the amount of money available for distribution to student groups;

Whereas, healthy operating budgets for students groups ensure diversity and extracurricular activities on campus;

Whereas, this diversity and extracurricular opportunity benefits all students.

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved that the Associated Students of The University of Montana asks for a fee increase from $30 to $32 $33 per semester to the ASUM Activity Fee;

Let It Be Further Resolved that this issue will be put on the ballot of the general election on April 25 -26;

Let It Be Further Resolved that the ballot wording shall read:

The ASUM Activity Fee funds over 65 student groups, provides low-cost or free childcare, entertainment, rental advice, academic dispute resolution, and legal counsel, and provides opportunities for students to become politically active. Increasing costs associated with classified and student staff has decreased the amount of money available for student groups. A $2 per semester fee increase will allow ASUM to continue funding students groups at an appropriate level while maintaining current services.

Yes, I want to increase the ASUM Activity Fee from $30 to $32 per semester.

No, I do not want to increase the ASUM Activity Fee from $30 to $32 per semester.

The ASUM Activity Fee funds over 65 student groups, provides low-cost or free: childcare, entertainment, rental advice, academic dispute resolution, and legal counsel, and provides opportunities for students to become politically active. Increasing costs associated with classified and student staff have decreased the amount of money available for student groups. A $3 per semester fee increase will allow ASUM to continue funding student groups at an appropriate level while maintaining current services, allowing for new programs, and replenishing the ASUM contingency and long term investment funds.

Yes, I want to increase the ASUM Activity Fee from $30 to $33 per semester.

No, I do not want to increase the ASUM Activity Fee from $30 to $33 per semester.

Authored by: ASUM President Andrea Helling

Passed 17-3 on first ballot, 4-4-07
Resolution Supporting Fee Increase for KBGA Student Radio and Sending Proposed Fee Increase to Student Referendum

Whereas, the KBGA College Radio Fee is the largest source of income for the station, followed by advertisement underwriting, then phone-in pledges from an annual radiothon;

Whereas, the second largest source of income has decreased significantly due to new FCC guidelines prohibiting underwriting for transitory events (i.e. concerts);

Whereas, the operating costs for KBGA are increasing due to rent increases and equipment rental fee increases;

Whereas, KBGA needs to build its “backup account,” used as an equipment reserve fund;

Whereas, the KBGA Radio Board has approved the proposed FY08 budget for KBGA and unanimously endorsed the proposed fee increases;

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved that the Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) Senate endorses a $1 fee increase per semester to the KBGA Student Radio Fee.

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved that the ASUM Senate will submit this proposal to a student referendum in April 2007, that shall read as follows:

The KBGA/Student Radio Fee is supports the only student-run radio station for UM students. KBGA employs 40 students staff members and has over 70 DJs. A $1 per semester fee increase will allow KBGA to raise wages of KBGA’s staff members to coincide in accordance with the Montana’s minimum wage increase build and build its equipment backup account.

______ Yes, I want to increase the KBGA/Student Radio Fee from $5 to $6 per semester.

______ No, I do not want to increase the KBGA/Student Radio Fee from $5 to $6 per semester.

Authored by: ASUM Senator Kim Pappas

Passed 19-2 on a roll call vote
4-4-07
Resolution to Congratulate the Lady Griz Basketball Teams

Whereas, the Lady Griz Basketball Team represents The University of Montana to a broad range of audiences;
Whereas, the Lady Griz Basketball team set a school record for most wins in a regular season;
Whereas, the Lady Griz won the Big Sky conference regular season championship;
Whereas, the Lady Griz earned a national ranking in the AP Top 25 Poll for the first time in over a decade;
Whereas, the Lady Griz continue to be a source of pride throughout Montana and inspire future generations of female student athletes;
Whereas, Lady Griz Head Coach Robin Selvig was named 2007 Big Sky Conference Coach of the Year;
Whereas, The University of Montana, students, and Griz fans benefit from the continuing success of both teams.

Let It Be Resolved that the Associated Students of The University of Montana congratulate the Griz and Lady Griz Basketball Teams for their outstanding work this year;

Let It Further Be Resolved that the Associated Students of The University of Montana send a copy of this resolution to Coach Robin Selvig, Athletic Director Jim O’Day, and Judy Southard the NCAA Division I Women’s Basketball Committee Chair.

Passed 3/21/07
Resolution in Support of an Arabic Language Studies Minor

Whereas, The University of Montana Department of Modern and Classical Language and Literature's Arabic Language program has seen enrollment constantly on the rise;

Whereas, the Arabic Language program has seen unprecedented growth this year, causing the first year levels to incorporate two sections;

Whereas, Arabic Language is one of the United States Department of State's critical languages;

Whereas, the Arabic Language is one of the most marketable languages in the world;

Whereas, students at The University of Montana would greatly benefit from the knowledge and potential job opportunities that Arabic Language studies provide;

Whereas, an Arabic Language Studies minor would further The University of Montana's promotion and encouragement of diversity;

Whereas, the Arabic Language program at The University of Montana offers 33 credit hours of instruction, which is traditionally enough for a language studies minor;

Whereas, it is important to recognize students' hard work after they have progressed through the Arabic program;

Whereas, The University of Montana has a unique opportunity to recognize and support Arabic language Studies as a minor and to become a leading institution in this area;

Therefore let it be resolved that the Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) encourages the formation of an Arabic Language Studies Minor at The University of Montana.

Let It Be Further Resolved that the ASUM encourages the College of Arts and Sciences, the Academic Standards and Curriculum Review Committee, the Offices of The Provost and The President of The University of Montana, and the Montana State Board of Regents to investigate and support the formation of an Arabic Language Studies minor to be incorporated into the department of Modern and Classical Languages.

Let it Be Further Resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to all necessary parties.

Authored by: Eric M. Schultz, ASUM Senator
Cedric Jacobson, ASUM Vice President

Passed 15-0 on a roll call vote
3/21/07