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Chair Jacobson called the meeting to order at 9:02 p.m. Present: President Helling, Vice President Jacobson, Business Manager Bennett; Senators Childers, Diaz, Fulton, Gauthier, Greer, Hamilton, Harrison, Henderson, Hess, Hunter, Leftridge, Morrison, K. Nalty, R. Nalty, Ness, Newman, Schultz, Tabibnejad and Tolton (9:04). Senator Pappas was excused.

There were no minutes to be approved.

Public Comment - None

President's Report
It came to the attention of President Helling that the language for the Transportation and UDASH Fee referenda had not been approved by Senate. Therefore, it was necessary to call this Special Session.

The Chair recognized the presence of Senator Tolton

a. The ASUM Transportation referenda language was presented to Senate (Exhibit A). Helling-Schultz moved to approve it. A motion by R. Nalty-Schultz to replace "bio diesel" with "fuel" passed after a previous question call by Morrison. A motion by Gauthier-Helling to move as a slate the following language for both fees passed after previous questions by Helling (failed) and Hunter:

____ Yes, I support increasing the ASUM Transportation Fee from $8.50 per semester to $16.50 per semester.

____ No, I do not support increasing the ASUM Transportation Fee from $8.50 per semester to $16.50 per semester.

____ Yes, I support increasing the UDASH Fee from $4 per semester to $6 per semester.

____ No, I do not support increasing the UDASH Fee from $4 per semester to $6 per semester.

Explanatory language to precede the Yes/No vote was proposed by Hess-Tabibnejad:

The ASUM Office of Transportation promotes and provides transportation options to the University community. One program, the UM Park n Ride, gives over a quarter million rides with 11-22 year-old buses. This alleviates congestion, improves air quality and reduces parking demand on campus.

An $8 per semester fee increase to the Transportation budget will help provide new buses, better staffing, bus service to COT, additional bike parking and wage increases for student employees and will cover the rising cost of bio diesel.

A motion by K. Nalty-Tolton to put "continue" all in caps failed after a previous question call by Fulton. A motion by Schultz-Morrison to replace
"with 11-22..." with "using 11-22..." passed after a previous question call by Fulton. A motion by Newman-Helling to change COT to College of Technology was approved by unanimous consent on a motion by R. Nalty. Tabibnejad-Helling moved to insert "annually" before "using." A previous question call by Helling failed. A motion by Henderson-Helling to insert "despite" before "using" was approved by unanimous consent after a motion by Helling. The amendments passed after a previous question call by Henderson. After a previous question call by Helling, the language for the ASUM Office of Transportation referenda passed as amended.

b. A motion by Gauthier-Tabibnejad to suspend House Rules to discuss SB48-06/07 Resolution in Support of the Removal of the $100.00 Course Repeat (Exhibit B) passed. Gauthier-Greer moved to uphold the Relations and Affairs Committee's do pass recommendation. A motion by K. Nalty-Hess to move as a slate the insertion of the following two paragraphs as the fourth and last ones respectively passed after a previous question call by Helling:

Whereas, the ASUM recognizes and appreciates ASCRC's work on investigating this issue thus far;

Let It Be Further Resolved that the ASUM encourages ASCRC to continue to diligently address any concerns slowing this process and to reach a resolution as soon as possible.

A motion by K. Nalty-Helling to delete the second whereas paragraph passed. After a previous question call by Helling the resolution as amended was approved by unanimous consent. A motion by Hess-Schultz to reinstate House Rules passed.

c. Senators were asked to confirm with Helling if they were planning to go to Helena the next day.

d. Leadership awards will be presented at a reception starting at 6:30 p.m. tomorrow in the UC Ballroom. Senators were asked to attend.

e. Helling told Senate she will be endorsing a president-vice president ticket, a recent decision contrary to her initial intention.

The meeting adjourned at 10:44 p.m. after a motion by Bennett-Greer.

Carol Hayes
ASUM Office Manager
ASUM Transportation Referenda Language

The ASUM Office of Transportation promotes and provides transportation options to the University community. One program, the UM Park n Ride, gives over a quarter million rides annually, despite using 11-22 year-old buses. This alleviates congestion, improves air quality and reduces parking demand on campus.

An $8 per semester increase to the Transportation Fee is necessary to continue service. It will provide new buses, better staffing, bus service to the College of Technology, additional bike parking, wage increases for student employees and will cover the rising cost of fuel.

_____ Yes, I support increasing the ASUM Transportation Fee from $8.50 per semester to $16.50 per semester.

_____ No, I do not support increasing the ASUM Transportation Fee from $8.50 per semester to $16.50 per semester.

UDASH gives safe rides to students six nights a week. A $2 per semester increase to the UDASH fee will provide new buses, better staffing, wage increases for student employees and will cover the rising cost of fuel.

_____ Yes, I support increasing the UDASH fee from $4 per semester to $6 per semester.

_____ No, I do not support increasing the UDASH fee from $4 per semester to $6 per semester.

Passed 4/23/04
Resolution in Support of the Removal of the $100.00 Course Repeat Fee

Whereas, currently students must pay a $100.00 repeat fee to the University for every class that a student retakes in order to remove the previous grade from the student’s cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) calculation;

Whereas, the more classes a student enrolls in, the more potential tuition revenue can be realized by The University of Montana;

Whereas, the Academic Standards and Curriculum Review Committee (ASCRC) is strongly considering the removal of the retake fee;

Whereas, the ASUM recognizes and appreciates ASCRC’s work on investigating this issue thus far;

Whereas, the current policy is unfairly biased towards higher income students;

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved that ASUM encourages the removal of the retake repeat fee.

Let It Be Further resolved that the ASUM encourages ASCRC to continue to diligently address any concerns slowing this process and to reach a resolution as soon as possible.

Authored by: Senator Scott Gauthier

Endorsed by: Senators Kim Pappas and Ali Tabibnejad

Passed 4/23/07 with unanimous consent