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ASUM SENATE AGENDA
October 14, 2009
COT HB01 - 6 P.M.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - October 7, 2009

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- a. Mountainside Chats:
 - 1. Barry Good, Dean of the College of Technology
 - 2. Jared Trilling, Chair of the MontPIRG Board of Directors, with Nate Watson and Erica Laferriere
- b. Forest Jobs and Recreation Act letter
- c. Halloween
- d. Hello Walk recap
- e. Budget Management Plan
- f. Decorum
- g. Events:
 - 1. Bob Durringer, Vice President of Administration and Finance, "When the Stimulus Money Goes Away - Funding the Gap in FY 12/13," UC Theatre 10 a.m. Thursday, 10/15.
 - 2. Ben Steele, Montana-born survivor of Pearl Harbor, the Bataan Death March and 1,244 days as a prisoner of war, - 5 p.m. 10/20 at Fact & Fiction in The Bookstore at UM.
- h. Other

6. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- a. Committee Appointments/Removals
- b. Revised Academic Strategic Plan
- c. Higher education lobby
- d. Other

7. BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

SPECIAL ALLOCATION - \$16,920.00
STIP - \$213,250.45
TRAVEL SPECIAL ALLOCATION - \$12,822.08
ZERO-BASE CARRYOVER - \$166.461.24

- a. Mortar Board STIP request - \$700/0.
- b. Artists' Collective Special Allocation request - \$530.00/75.00
- c. Other

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10. NEW BUSINESS

11. COMMENTS

12. ADJOURNMENT

ASUM SENATE MINUTES
Wednesday, October 14, 2009
COT HB01 - 6 p.m.

Chair May called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. Present: President Fennell, Vice President May, Business Manager Armstrong; Senators Barhaugh (6:07), Brewer, Carson, Chuang, Davis, Dusek, Engum, Guilhemotonia, K. Kettering (6:07), M. Kettering (6:07), Kilts (6:12), Mariani, Rhea, Rose, Stovall, Summers, Williams, Wilke. Senators Smartt and Torti were excused. Advisor Garon Smith was excused so that he could make a presentation as part of the Provost's Distinguished Lecture Series.

The minutes from the October 7, 2009 meeting were approved as corrected.

Public Comment

- o Jessica Carter, Program Coordinator for Extended Learning Services, asked Senators to share photos or videos of any learning situations that are taking place outside the traditional classroom. Submissions for the "Where's Your Classroom?" competition can be made through 10/25. Three winners will be awarded \$500 tuition and fee waivers. For more information go to <http://www.umt.edu/xls/classroom/>
- o Wynne Hurly of the Artists' Collective encouraged the Senate to support the group's funding request for the upcoming juried student art exhibit.

President's Report

- a. Mountain-side Chats:
 - 1. Barry Good, Dean of the College of Technology (COT), thanked the Senate for the opportunity to host the Senate meeting. He shared the history of COT, starting with its establishment in 1968 by the state legislature as a vocational extension of the Missoula County School District. The center became the COT and a part of The University of Montana (UM) in 1994. It is currently housed in a facility designed for 800 to 900 students. The COT is now a two-year comprehensive college with a fall 2009 enrollment of 2,105 and five departments offering a total of 35 programs.
 - 2. Jared Trilling, Nate Watson and David Pecor gave a history and overview of Montana Public Interest Research Group (MontPIRG) and answered questions posed by members of the Senate about the organization. MontPIRG is

interested in working toward a waivable student fee as a source of funding.

- b. President Fennell passed around a copy of a letter he composed to Senator John Tester informing him of the ASUM Senate's unanimous endorsement (SB4-09/10, September 30, 2009) of the Forest Jobs and Recreation Act. (Exhibit A)
- c. The Senators were informed by President Fennell that costumes and pseudonyms are required for the 10/28 Senate meeting.
- d. Hello Walk recap - The Hello Walk was cancelled due to inclement weather for the second time and will hopefully be rescheduled for this spring.
- e. President Fennell spoke about the Budget Management Plan and the 3.2 million dollar deficit UM will face in FY 12/13 when there is no longer any federal stimulus money. While only 1% of the total annual UM budget, 80% of that budget goes to faculty, staff and student services, and cuts in these areas will adversely affect students. UM already has one of the lowest graduation rates in the U.S., 40% over six years, and has a grade of D in terms of general education nationally. President Fennell encouraged Senators to express their concerns and get involved, as the UM Administration wants to take preemptive action by January 2010. It was suggested that the Students First Ad Hoc Committee take this up.
- f. President Fennell raised the issue of Senate decorum and reminded Senators that they need to go through the Chair in order to speak and should not address each other directly. It is acceptable to build on another Senator's comments and to attack ideas but not individuals.
- g. Events:
 1. Bob Durringer, Vice President of Administration and Finance, "When the Stimulus Money Goes Away - Funding the Gap in FY 12/13," in the UC Theatre 10 a.m. 10/15. Senators were encouraged to attend and ask specific questions about their concerns.
 2. Ben Steele, Montana-born survivor of Pearl Harbor, the Bataan Death March and 1,244 days as a prisoner of war, will be speaking at 5 p.m. 10/20 at Fact & Fiction in the Bookstore at UM.

The chair recognized the presence of Senator Kilts.

Vice President's Report

- a. Committee Appointments/Removals - Senator Torti was moved from the University Faculty Library Committee to the

- University Marketing Committee. This was moved by **May-Davis** and approved unanimously.
- b. Revised Academic Strategic Plan - There is a Senate email-based subcommittee critiquing the draft Strategic Initiatives and Strategies for Academic Affairs at UM. (see Exhibit A - 10/7/09 Minutes) Some of the concerns include the vagueness of a couple of the Initiatives, notably numbers 1 and 5. Senators were asked to email their concerns or ask to be on the committee.
 - c. Higher education lobby - the ASUM executives would like to act on the suggestions made by Doug Coffin, Vice President of the University Faculty Association, during his 9/16 Mountain-side Chat to create a coalition of faculty, staff and students to represent the interests of higher education by lobbying the Montana State Legislature. This will be a topic of discussion at the November Montana Association of Students meeting. A sign-up sheet was passed around for those Senators interested in meeting with Doug Coffin.
 - d. Senator Chuang will be the next Senator to speak on behalf of ASUM during the KBGA radio Thursday morning program.
 - e. Senator Kilts has been appointed chair of the Students First Ad Hoc Committee and Senator Stovall has been appointed chair of the Diversity Committee.
 - f. If anyone has ideas for the ASUM holiday party, please let Vice President May know.
 - g. Senators Summers and Carson volunteered to host the Senate Halloween party.

Business Manager's Report

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- a. The Artists' Collective Special Allocation request for \$530 was recommended by the Budget and Finance (B&F) Committee for \$75. **May-Rose** moved to combine the recommended amounts from line 622 for \$25, and from line 628 for \$50, and move the total of \$75 to line 621. **Rhea-Summers** called previous question which passed unanimously. The amendment also passed unanimously. There was no second to a motion by **Davis** to increase line 621 from \$75 to \$300. **Fennell-Summers** moved to increase line 621 to \$150. There was no second to a motion by **Davis** to amend

- the amendment by increasing the amount from \$150 to \$300. **Summers-Davis** moved to amend the amendment by increasing the allocation from \$150 to \$250. **Rhea-Barhaugh** called previous question which passed unanimously. The amendment to the amendment failed on a 2 - 17 roll call vote with one abstention. The amendment to increase the allocation from \$75 to \$150 failed on a 9 - 8 - 1 roll call vote. **Rose-Summers** moved to amend the allocation from \$75 to \$125. **Kilts-Chuang** moved to amend the amendment and change the increase from \$125 to \$100. This passed 15 - 4 - 1. **M. Kettering-Barhaugh** called previous question and this passed unanimously. The vote on the amendment to change the allocation from \$75 to \$100 passed unanimously. **Summers-Davis** called previous question which passed unanimously. The Special Allocation of \$100 then passed unanimously.
- b. The Mortar Board STIP request for \$700 was not recommended by B&F. Business Manager Armstrong pointed out that ASUM Fiscal Policy prohibits the funding of laptop purchases by student groups. **Chuang-Rhea** called previous question which passed unanimously. The vote for zero funding of the Mortar Board STIP request passed unanimously with one abstention.

Committee Reports

- a. Budget and Finance (Armstrong) - there are as yet no new requests for special funding.
- b. Transportation (Rhea) - the committee has learned that they don't get to put up bike racks as quickly as they thought.
- c. Student Political Action (Williams) - the committee is organizing a debate between the College Democrats and College Republicans. Also, information is being provided on City Council candidates so that students can be informed prior to Election Day.
- d. Recycling (Kilts) - the committee learned that, due to hygiene concerns, aluminum recycling bins cannot be located inside the Lommasson Center Country store.
- e. Sports (M. Kettering) - Kate Oyler, the new Office Manager for Campus Recreation, will be sending out information about a meeting soon.

Unfinished Business - none

New Business

- a. Resolution regarding the integration of COT
- b. Resolutions (2) amending Personnel Policy
- c. Resolution regarding health care
- d. Resolution regarding Designated Suppliers Program
- e. Resolution regarding the Academic Strategic Plan

Comments

The meeting adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

Phoebe Hunter
ASUM Office Manager