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ASUM SENATE AGENDA
October 28, 2009
UC 330/331 - 6 P.M.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - October 21, 2009

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

a. Mountainside Chat:

1. Royce Engstrom, Provost of The University of Montana,
discussion of the Academic and Strategic Plan

2. Ben Weiss, General Manager, KBGA student radio station

b. Report on trip to Sacramento State

c. Allies training

d. Art in the ASUM Administration office

e. Sign up for Board of Regents meeting and Griz-Cats tickets

f. Day of Dialogue, ASUM workshop and ASUM Open House

g. Awards

h. Group photo

i. Events:

1. Michael Oatman lecture, 10/29, 5:30 p.m. in
Interdisciplinary Science 110

2. Reduce Health Care Costs Forum, 10/30, 12:30 - 4:30 p.m. in
Skaggs 117.

j. Other

6. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

a. Committee Appointments/Removals - Appointments: Camela Swanson to Student Complaint Committee; Ashley Bilyeu to Retention Implementation Committee; Ashley Bilyeu to Student Political Action Committee

b. KGBA

c. Day of Dialogue

d. Other

7. BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

SPECIAL ALLOCATION - \$16,820.00

STIP - \$215,098.87

TRAVEL SPECIAL ALLOCATION - \$12,822.08.00

ZERO-BASE CARRYOVER - \$166.461.24

- a. ASUM Zero-Base request - \$223.00/200.00
- b. ASUM Legal STIP request - \$3,558.00/3,558.00
- c. Other

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. SB14-09/10 Resolution Amending ASUM Transportation By-Laws
- b. SB15-09/10 Resolution Regarding Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2009

10. NEW BUSINESS

11. COMMENTS

12. ADJOURNMENT

ASUM SENATE MINUTES
Wednesday, October 28, 2009
UC 330/331 - 6 p.m.

Chair May called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. Present: President Fennell, Vice President May, Business Manager Armstrong; Senators Barhaugh, Brewer, Carson, Chuang, Davis, Dusek, Engum, Guilhemotonia, K. Kettering, M. Kettering, Kilts, Mariani, Rhea, Rose, Smartt, Stovall, Summers, Torti, and Wilke. Senator Williams was excused.

The minutes from the October 21, 2009 meeting were approved.

Public Comment

- o Kelly Driscoll of Students for Economic and Social Justice spoke in favor of SB16-09/10, the Resolution Regarding Healthcare Insurance Reform.
- o Megan Hallar, Student Programming Coordinator for the University Center (UC) Office of Student Involvement and Leadership Development, provided the update of UC events. The first University of Montana (UM) Tunnel of Oppression had over 350 visitors. This exhibit was in conjunction with the 10/29 Day of Dialogue. (Exhibit A) An exhibit of works by Pamela Caughey will be opening in the UC Art Gallery 11/2.
- o Kendra Higgins of UM Climate Action Now! spoke in support of SB16-09/10.
- o Kirsa Shelkey spoke in support of a public health insurance option and SB16-09/10.
- o Sara Olsen and Nate Watson, vice chair and secretary of MontPIRG, spoke in support of SB15-09/10, the Resolution Regarding the Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2009.

President's Report

- a. Mountain-side Chats:
 - 1. Royce Engstrom, Provost of The UM, spoke to five topics:
 - i. Arabic Minor - interest is growing. However, the program cannot go forward until there is a tenured faculty member in place. There will be a search next year and a proposal will go to the Board of Regents. The plan is for the Arabic Minor to be in place fall of 2011.

- ii. Course Repeat Instruction Fee - Provost Engstrom talked about the revenue that has been generated to date as a result of the revised fee structure, as agreed to with ASUM last year. This amount is just short of the projected revenue for the entire year. Should spring term revenue match the fall revenue, additional funds will be available for success/retention initiatives. (Exhibit B) In addition, Provost Engstrom provided the Senate with copies of the brochure, "Partnering for Success - A Collaborative Action Plan for Student Retention 2009 - 2013." (Exhibit C)
 - iii. Accreditation - a team of faculty and administrators, mostly from other northwest institutions, will be visiting campus 4/12 - 4/14, 2010 to assess The UM and make recommendations for improvement. The team will be interested in talking with student leaders and, with that in mind, Provost Engstrom asked the Senate to hold those dates open.
 - iv. Proposed Change in Admissions Model - The UM will be informing the Board of Regents (BOR) about the proposal in November and is planning to ask for BOR approval next spring with a goal of implementing the changes in spring 2013. The purpose of the changes is to help students better prepare for college. Input and feedback from the Senate would be appreciated. (Exhibit D)
 - v. Academic Strategic Plan (ASP) - Provost Engstrom discussed the four major actions that would be a part of implementing each of the six initiatives of the ASP. (Exhibit E)
2. Ben Weiss, General Manager of KBGA college radio station, talked about the history and current activities of KBGA, including a major renovation and creation of a new website.
- b. President Fennell and Vice President May spoke briefly about their trip with the Athletics Department to Sacramento for last weekend's football game.
 - c. President Fennell attended a two-and-a-half hour Allies training this afternoon so that he can be better prepared to assist LGBTQI students. He would like ASUM to become more open and proactive in helping to prevent some of the horrible things that happen to LGBTQI students. To this end, ASUM needs to find a way to begin a discussion with the student body.

- d. There are now some works of art hanging in the back room of the ASUM suite. Just in time to make everything look nice and homey for the Day of Dialogue Open House.
- e. Senators attending the BOR meeting in Bozeman will leave 11/18 and return 11/20. It is now unlikely that there will be enough tickets available for everyone interested in attending the Griz - Cat game because only two tickets per school will be issued.
- f. ASUM will be conducting one of the Day of Dialogue workshops, a self-awareness exercise from 2:40 to 3:40 p.m. ASUM will also be hosting an Open House with refreshments from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- g. The following Halloween costume awards were presented:
Funniest: Sister Mary Emily (Emily May)
Most original: Pikachu (Miranda Carson)
Scariest: Senator Baucus (Andrew Dusek)
Best: Pabst Blue Ribbon six-pack (as a slate - Ray Davis, Alison Kilts, Katie Mariani, Ella Torti and John Wilke)
- h. All the Senators in their Halloween costumes posed for a group photo.
- i. Events:
 - 1. Michael Oatman lecture, 10/29, at 5:30 p.m. in Interdisciplinary Science 110
 - 2. Reduce Health Care Costs Forum, 10/30, 12:30 - 4:30 p.m. in Skaggs 117.
- j. The Strategic Finance Committee will be meeting 10/30 and President Fennell will talk about this at next week's Senate meeting.

Vice President's Report

- a. Committee Appointments/Removals - Appointments: Camela Swanson to Student Complaint Committee; Ashley Bilyeu to Retention Implementation Committee; Ashley Bilyeu to Student Political Action Committee. **Fennell-Davis** moved that the slate of Committee appointments and removals be approved. The motion passed unanimously.
- b. Senator Smartt will speak on behalf of ASUM during the KBGA radio Thursday morning program.
- c. Senators have been assigned mandatory shifts for the Day of Dialogue ASUM Open House.
- d. Anything left by Senators in the ASUM office for more than three days will "be summarily disappeared." The back room has been cleaned for the Day of Dialogue and Vice President May would like to keep it that way.

Business Manager's Report

SPECIAL ALLOCATION - \$16,820.00
STIP - \$215,098.87
TRAVEL SPECIAL ALLOCATION - \$12,822.08
ZERO-BASE CARRYOVER - \$166,461.24

- a. The ASUM Legal STIP request for \$3,558. and recommended by the Business and Finance Committee (B&F) for same, passed unanimously, there being no discussion.
- b. The ASUM Zero-Base request for \$223. and recommended by B&F for \$200., passed unanimously following discussion.
- c. It would be good to get the word out to any groups looking for special funding to apply immediately as there might not be any more Senate meetings between 11/4 and 12/2.

Committee Reports

- a. Student Political Action (Wilke) - the committee is still working on the planning for the College Democrats and College Republicans debate. A campus-wide email will be sent to students informing them about where and how they can vote in next week's City Council election. Doug Coffin of the University Faculty Association will be coming to talk with the committee about the coming budget shortfall, once federal stimulus funds cease, and how it will affect faculty and students. It is hoped that both parties can get on the same page before going before the BOR. The committee will meet 10/29 at 5 p.m.
- b. Relations and Affairs (Dusek) - the committee has forwarded two resolutions to the Senate with unanimous recommendation.
- c. Transportation (Rhea) - the committee is working on getting new bike racks installed. That won't happen until they are approved by the Campus Committee for Facilities.
- d. Off-Campus Renter Center (Smartt) - the committee has created a first draft of a student survey and hopes to have samples by next week.

Unfinished Business

- a. SB14-09/10 - Resolution Amending ASUM Transportation Board Bylaws (Exhibit F) passed unanimously there being no discussion and no objection to previous question being called by **Armstrong-K. Kettering**.
- b. SB15-09/10 - Resolution Regarding Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2009 (Exhibit G) passed unanimously

there being an end to discussion and a call for unanimous consent by **Fennel-Chuang**.

- c. SB16-09/10 - Resolution Regarding Healthcare Insurance Reform (Exhibit H) - a motion by **Fennell-Rhea** to suspend House Rules in order to consider SB16-09/10 was approved unanimously. **Rhea-Barhaugh** called previous question which was approved on a voice vote with one objection. The resolution passed 17 - 4 on a roll call vote. (see Tally Sheet)

New Business

- a. Resolution regarding medical marijuana use on campus
- b. Resolution regarding hard copy of President's memos going electronic

Comments

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Phoebe Hunter
ASUM Office Manager