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1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - September 8, 2004
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   a. Senate Appointment and Swearing-in
   b. Board of Regents
   c. Voter Registration
   d. Other

6. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT
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   b. KBGA - Thursday 8:30 a.m.
   c. KBGA News Talk
   d. Other

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   Special Allocation - $15,450
   Travel Special Allocation - $17,913
   STIP - $98,322.77 (9/15/04)
   Zero-Base Carryover - $132,273.76
   a. Special Allocation - Composers' Club $600/$600 (B & F 6-0)
   b. STIP - Student Bar Association $2,021/$0.00 (B & F 6-0)
   c. Other

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
   To see a list of resolutions in their entirety with the action taken
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   1. SB01-04/05 Resolution to Amend Fiscal Policy 18.0 Outside Accounts
      - tabled 9/8/04
   2. SB02-04/05 Resolution to amend Election Bylaws
   3. SB03-04/05 Resolution to amend Bylaws regarding Recognition
      Process

10. NEW BUSINESS

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12. ADJOURNMENT
## ASUM Senate Tally Sheet

### Senate Members
- Bryce Bennett
- Andrew Bisell
- Brad Cederberg
- Tyler Clairmont
- Nezha Haddouch
- Shawna Hagen
- Chris Healow
- Andrea Helling
- Casey Hogue
- Derf Johnson
- Britta Padgham
- Kim Pappas
- Josh Peters
- Rebecca Petit
- Jake Pipinich
- Ross Prosperi
- Jon Snodgrass
- Leslie Venetz
- Nathan Ziegler
- Rob Allen

### ASUM Officers
- Gale Price (President)
- Vinnie Pavlish (Vice-President)
- Cassie Morton (Business Manager)

### Faculty Advisors
- Professor Anderson
- Professor Ausland

### Roll Call

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### Department Comments
- [Roll call details]
- [Department notes]
Chair Pavlish called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. Present: Price, Pavlish, Morton (6:14), Bennett (6:16), Bissell (6:17), Cederberg (6:14), Clairmont, Haddouch (6:14), Hagen, Healow, Helling, Hogue, Johnson, Padgham, Pappas, Peters, Pettit (6:14), Pipinich, Prosperi, Snodgrass, Venetz and Ziegler.

The meeting minutes for September 8, 2004, were approved as posted.

Public Comment
*Alex Rosenleaf, a member of the Interview Committee, gave his support to the nomination of Rob Welsh for the vacant Senate seat.

President’s Report
a. The Interview Committee nominated Rob Welsh for the vacant Senate seat and a motion by Price-Helling to approve the nomination passed. Dean Couture presided at Welsh’s swearing-in.

The Chair recognized the presence of Cederberg, Haddouch, Pettit and Morton.

b. The Board of Regents meeting is in Butte September 22-24. If you wish to go, talk to Price no later than tomorrow morning.

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The Chair recognized the presence of Bennett.

c. SPA Director Bassett needs volunteer help with the big push for voter registration next week. Sign up in the ASUM office.

d. The construction of the Legal Services office in the back room of UM Productions has started and is progressing rapidly.

The Chair recognized the presence of Bissell.

Vice President’s Report
a. Pavlish proposed a list of committee appointments which were moved and passed with no objection by categories: ASUM Committees - COT Affairs - Welsh as Chair (Heallow-Helling); Graduate Student Association - Rob Welsh (Heallow-Venetz); IT - Jeffrey Burrell (Heallow-Pappas); Housing Board - Mary Pat Cunningham (Heallow-Pappas); Childcare Oversight - Mary Pat Cunningham (Pappas-Hogue); SPA (removal) - Katy Sportsman (Pappas-Bennett); Transportation Board - Jon Snodgrass (Heallow-Venetz); University Committees - Scholarships/Financial Aid - Scott Gerner (Haddouch-Hogue); Student Complain - Jessica Lawhorn (Bennett-Peters); Student Computer Fee - Jeffrey Burrell (Pappas-Haddouch); Campus Facilities - Andrea Helling (Pappas-Price).

b. Heallow will represent ASUM on KBGA tomorrow.

c. Talk to Pavlish if interested in KBGA News Talk Fridays from 3-4 p.m.
Business Manager's Report

Special Allocation - $15,450
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a. A Special Allocation request by the UM Composer's Club for $600 and recommended by Budget and Finance for same passed.
b. A STIP request by the Student Bar Association for $2,021 and recommended by Budget and Finance for $0 passed for the recommended amount of $0 after a previous question call by Ziegler.

Committee Reports

a. ASUM Relations and Affairs (Healow) - SB02 and SB03 received do pass recommendations as amended.
b. University Affairs (Venetz) - No quorum.
c. Interview (Bissell) - Interviews were held for the vacant Senate seat. The committee forwarded their recommendation of Rob.
d. Transportation (Pappas) - They discussed their strategic plan, training and hiring drivers and the possibility of a fee increase.
e. Board on Membership (Cederberg) - More members are needed. They reviewed recognition forms and are awaiting the activity fee list.
f. IT (Ziegler) - They had a meeting with no special emphasis.
g. COT Affairs (Helling) - They are working on voter registration and tabling and the possibility of meals at COT West.
h. SPA (Padgham) - They are working on a Voter Guide. Volunteers are needed for next week's registration effort. Meetings are at 5:10 p.m. Thursdays.
i. Music Union (Peters) - They are electing officers.

Unfinished Business - None

To see a list of resolutions with the action taken on them noted and the resolutions currently being considered in their entirety, please go to: http://www.umt.edu/asum/government/resolution.htm

a. SB01-04/05 Resolution to amend Fiscal Policy 18.0 Outside Accounts, which was tabled 9/8/04, was removed from the docket on a motion by Helling-Hogue.
b. SB02-04/05 Resolution to amend Election Bylaws (Exhibit A) was moved by Healow-Pappas. A motion by Price-Helling to change "to" to "on" in the 4th whereas passed after a previous question call by Healow. A motion by Price-Pappas to add and "s" to "Section" in the 7th paragraph passed after a previous question call by Ziegler. SB02 failed 8Y, 14N on a roll call vote (see Tally Sheet) after a previous question call by Helling-Welsh.
c. SB03-04/05 Resolution to amend Bylaws regarding Recognition Process (Exhibit B) was moved by Price-Ziegler and with no objection was adopted with unanimous consent on a motion by Hagen.
New Business
a. Resolution to amend Bylaws Article V, Sections 1 and 2
b. Resolution to amend Bylaws regarding Transportation Board
c. Resolution on faculty web
d. Resolution to amend Bylaws Article III, Section 2
e. Resolution to amend Bylaws on COT Affairs Section 12
f. Resolution on +/- grading
g. Resolution to amend Bylaws Article V, Section 2

Comments

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Carol Hayes
ASUM Office Manager
Resolution to Amend Election Bylaws

Whereas, political parties should not play an overwhelming role in student politics;

Whereas, the current Associated Students of The University of Montana (ASUM) Bylaws provide for political party slates;

Whereas, slates offer an inherent advantage to those on the slate;

Whereas, only candidates who organize slates are able to identify themselves with a party of the election ballot;

Whereas, candidates ought to be elected on the basis of their own merits, not the merit of a party;

Whereas, election bylaws will be improved by eliminating the language that provides for slates;

Therefore Let It Be Resolved That Article V Section 2 of the ASUM Bylaws be amended to read:

Section 1. Eligibility:
A. Members may seek office within these guidelines:
1. Any member as defined in Article I, Section 2 of the Constitution is eligible to run for any office.
2. A potential candidate must file a petition with the Elections Committee. Petitions are available from the Elections Committee and must consist of the signatures, printed names, ID numbers, and telephone numbers of at least 50 members registered during Spring Semester of the election. A student political party may present a slate of potential candidates for any or all elective positions upon petition of at least 50 students, registered during Spring Semester of the election, per potential candidate. The names of all potential candidates who are members of parties must be named on the petition for that party. Potential candidates for President must run with a potential candidate for Vice President as a single ticket, with a joint petition containing at least 100 signatures.
3. The names of all candidates shall be published in the Montana Kaimin immediately after the validation of petitions by the Elections Committee. The names of the winners of a primary election, if one is held, shall be published immediately following the election. Notices of special elections shall be conspicuously printed in the Montana Kaimin at least four times before the elections, including two issues immediately preceding the election.
4. Any member as defined in Article I, Section 2 of the Constitution is eligible to run as a write-in candidate. Write-in candidates shall not be printed on any ballot or participate in any ASUM-sponsored pre-election activities. Write-in candidates must adhere to the same campaigning and budget restrictions as recognized candidates. Write-in candidates need not be recognized by the Elections Committee.

Section 2. Campaigning:
A. Campaigning is defined as any activity which directly or indirectly promotes the candidacy of one or more individuals for an office. This includes, but is not necessarily limited to, scheduling appearances, the buying of votes with money, gifts, or alcohol, posting or publishing advertisements, distributing literature, or lobbying a voter.
B. No campaign materials may be displayed before the start of the campaigning period. Posting signs for place-holding before the start of campaigning is not permitted.
C. Campaigning through speech or signs within the immediate polling sites on the days of primary and general elections is not permitted. Posters must be removed on the floor level of the designated polling sites, including the atriums of the University Center. Failure to remove campaign materials from non-polling sites is not considered a violation.
D. The Elections Committee shall sponsor at least two forums: one for the Senate candidates, and one for the officer candidates, plus one Presidential-Vice Presidential debate following the primary, if there is one.
E. No door-to-door campaigning is permitted in the residence halls or family housing. Campaigning is permitted elsewhere on campus, including the Lodge and classrooms with permission of the professor.
F. Posters may be placed on campus according to these rules:
1. General Buildings: Only on appropriate posting areas.
2. Residence Halls: Only on appropriate bulletin boards or dorm doors and windows with the approval of the dorm resident. All posters must be approved by the residence hall office.
Resolution to Amend Bylaws Regarding Recognition Process

Whereas a new University policy has been implemented regarding off-campus accounts and greatly affects ASUM-recognized student organizations;

Whereas University entities may not legally have accounts outside The University of Montana when such accounts are held in University organizations’ names;

Whereas ASUM-recognized groups receive the benefits of being a University entity and should thus also accept the responsibilities of being such an entity;

Whereas ASUM-recognized groups use the name and reputation of The University of Montana and the ASUM, and any misconduct, including overdrafts on off-campus financial accounts, negatively impacts those names and reputations;

Whereas it is illegal to use The University of Montana’s tax identification number on off-campus accounts, and so students often put their social security numbers on off-campus accounts and are then held personally liable;

Whereas ASUM-recognized groups in the past have held funds in off-campus financial accounts without University consent, and it will be beneficial for the ASUM to know the full extent of any funds an ASUM-recognized student group has at its disposal;

Therefore Let It Be Resolved That Article IV, Section 4 of the Associated Students of The University of Montana Bylaws will read:

Section 4. Board on Member Organizations:
A. The Board shall be composed of five (5) members, of whom three (3) shall be members of the Senate and two (2) shall be students-at-large.
B. The Board on Member Organizations shall review all applications for groups and organizations that wish to register with ASUM and/or receive ASUM funding. Groups meeting recognition requirements will be forwarded to the ASUM Senate to be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote. This process shall occur after the second week of Fall Semester and continue throughout the school year. Recognition by ASUM will be valid, after recommendation by the Board on Member Organizations and subsequent two-thirds (2/3) vote of the ASUM Senate, until the beginning of the next Fall Semester. At that time, all groups must re-submit their recognition files to register with ASUM. Those groups, which were budgeted funds during the previous year, will continue to be allowed access to these funds during the recognition process unless their recognition is suspended or revoked. Any budgeted groups who do not re-register for ASUM recognition will not be allowed access to their ASUM account funds.

1. All groups requesting to participate in ASUM budgeting must return their fully completed recognition files to the Board on Member Organizations by the first Friday of Spring Semester to be considered for budgeting. Any group having discrepancies in their file that would prevent recognition must correct the problems completely before the third Friday of Spring Semester to still be eligible for ASUM budgeting.
2. All groups requesting to participate in ASUM budgeting are subject to The University of Montana’s Policy Regarding Off-Campus Accounts, unless otherwise required or authorized by law, or unless explicitly authorized in a written agreement between the organization and The University of Montana. No group violating the Policy Regarding Off-Campus Accounts will be allowed to register with ASUM or participate in ASUM budgeting, until that group is in compliance with the policy.

C. If the Board has evidence that a group has failed to comply with the stated criteria necessary for ASUM
recognition or has failed to meet all the responsibilities stipulated by ASUM, the Board has the option of
sending a warning notice to the group specifying reasons for the warning and the corrective steps that must be
taken within a period of no more than one month. The group shall have the opportunity within one week to have
an informal hearing with the Board on Member Organizations. If the group fails to act, or the Board feels that
the matter has not been resolved, the Board on Member Organizations shall have the option of
issuing a second and final warning letter or recommending to the Senate that the group's recognition be
revoked. The Board may choose to move directly to recommending to the Senate that the group's recognition be
revoked without a warning letter if an infraction or negligence is viewed as substantial.

D. For any group whose registration is suspended or any group that is suspended, or any group that the Board
determined should have its recognition revoked, there shall be an appeals process. The process shall be as
follows:

1. The group shall be given a hearing by the Board within one week of the notice of impending loss of ASUM
recognition.
2. After the hearing, if the Board does not rescind its decision, the group may present its case to the Senate
during the Vice President's report.
3. The Senate, by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote, shall have the opportunity to overturn a Board's
recommendation to remove group recognition.

E. The general policy of ASUM is to require membership lists of its recognized organizations to be available
and open for inspection by the public. This policy is to promote openness and to ensure that recognized groups
and organizations are composed of ASUM members. Since ASUM recognized groups and organizations receive
access to various University facilities and have the ability to apply for ASUM funding, verification of
membership for ASUM groups is required. Any group not providing a complete list of membership will not be
recognized by ASUM.

F. Any group seeking ASUM recognition that desires the confidentiality of its membership must apply to the
Board on Member Organizations for confidentiality approval. The application should contain an explanation of
the purpose of the group and the need for confidentiality. If the Board on Member Organizations approve the request, the group must accomplish the following:

1. A copy of a membership list must be provided to the Board on Membership Chair. This list must be kept
confidential by the Chair.
2. The Board on Membership Chair shall confirm with the Registrar the membership list is composed of at least
15 eligible members.

G. Presentation of a falsified list to an advisor or to the Board shall be grounds for removal or denial of ASUM
recognition. Re-recognition may occur only on approval of the Board and upon such additional conditions that
the Board may set.

H. A group containing non-members may achieve recognition so long as its total membership is at least 85%
ASUM members.

I. Officers of organizations seeking ASUM recognition must be ASUM activity fee-paying students.

Authored by Gale Price, ASUM President

Passed 1/15/04