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1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - September 29, 2004

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

5. PRESIDENT’S REPORT
   a. COT Student Assistant - George Tuxbury-Reynolds
   b. SBPC Approval of Safety Consultation
   c. Debates:
      Ballot Initiatives - Thursday at 7 p.m. in UC Theater
      Gubernatorial - Friday at 2 p.m. in PAR-TV Montana Theater
   d. Faculty Web
   e. Other

6. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT
   a. Committee Appointments - Jason Heald (Computer Fee); Robert Gar
      (Americans with Disabilities Act Team)
   b. KBGA - Thursday 8:30 a.m.
   c. Other

7. BUSINESS MANAGER’S REPORT
   Special Allocation - $14,013.35
   Travel Special Allocation - $11,106.06
   STIP - $113,385.65
   Zero-Base Carryover - $125,730.47
   a. Zero-Base Carryover - Safety Whistles Request for $1875.00 -
      postponed 09/29/04 until this week
   b. Zero-Base Carryover - Campus Safety Programs for
      $2,912.50/$2912.50 (5-0)
   c. Zero-Base Carryover - Lobbying Funding Proposal for $14,180/$180
      (4-1)
   d. STIP - Cutbank printer request for $217.97/$217.97 (5-0)
   e. SB10-04/05 Resolution to Amend Fiscal Policy 2.0 - recommitted
      09/29/04
   f. SB19-04/05 Resolution Amending ASUM Fiscal Policy, Sections 6 and
      18 - in committee
   g. Other

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS
9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
To see a list of resolutions in their entirety with the action taken on them, please go to http://www.umt.edu/asum/government/resolution.htm
a. SB07-04/05 Resolution encouraging Universal Standard in +/- Grading - recommitted 09/29/04
b. SB13-04/05 Resolution to Abolish the ASUM Graduate Student Affairs Committee
c. SB14-04/05 Resolution to Amend By-Laws, Article III, Section 2D & 2F
d. SB15-04/05 Resolution to Amend Item 4.13 of the ASUM Personnel Policy
e. SB16-04/05 Resolution to Create the Relations and Affairs Committee
f. SB17-04/05 Resolution regarding Faculty Web
g. SB18-04/05 Resolution Regarding Montana Constitutional Initiative-96

10. NEW BUSINESS

11. COMMENTS

12. ADJOURNMENT
## ASUM Senate Tally Sheet

**Senate Members**

- Bryce Bennett
- Andrew Bissell
- 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
- Rob Welsh
- Nathan Ziegler

**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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**Date:** October 6, 2004

**SB 18**
Chair Pavlish called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. Present: Price, Pavlish, Morton, Bennett, Bissell (6:17), Cederberg, Clairmont, Haddouch, Hagen, Healow, Helling, Hoge, Johnson, Padgham, Pappas, Peters, Pettit, Pipinich, Prosperi, Snodgrass, Venetz, Welsh and Ziegler (6:16).

The meeting minutes for September 29, 2004, were approved with the following amendment. Unfinished Business item c. sentence "Bissell moved to adopt SB09-04/05 unanimously, but there was an objection" should read "Bissell moved to adopt this motion with unanimous consent, but there was an objection."

Public Comment
*Tom Figarelle expressed disappointment over SB09 being postponed indefinitely last week. He felt it was ASUM's responsibility to stand up for and represent students and that this should be passed unanimously.
*Julie Ammons expressed her hope that SB18 will pass.
*Tyler Clairmont read a letter from Lambda Alliance expressing disappointment over the indefinite postponement of SB09 last week and the feeling that ASUM should protect the rights of students.

The Chair recognized the presence of Ziegler.

*Faculty member Karen Hill thanked Senate for holding the meeting at COT East and volunteered her assistance in any way they might need it.

The Chair recognized the presence of Bissell.

President's Report
a. The nomination of George Tuxbury-Reynolds for the COT Assistant position passed on a motion by Price-Hogue.
b. $20,000 was approved by the Strategic Budget and Planning Committee for a study to improve campus safety, which will involve camera resolution and placement needed. Lighting is being checked at campus locations. There was hope that ASUM will help with funding.
c. Price encouraged Senators to attend the debate on ballot initiatives to be held tomorrow night at 7 in the UC Theater, and the gubernatorial debate Friday at 2 p.m. in the Performing Arts/Radio-TV Montana Theater. Questions for the gubernatorial debate should be given to Price. Candidate Schweitzer will meet with students at 4 p.m. Friday.
d. Price feels the faculty web information allows too much access to student information. She will move to postpone the consideration of her resolution, as she is talking to officials about this.
e. Price reminded Senators to stay after the meeting for picture-taking.

Vice President's Report
a. A motion by Bennett-Healow to approve the appointment of Jason Heald to the Computer Fee Committee passed. A motion by Heald-Snodgrass
to approve the appointment of Robert Gar to the Americans with Disabilities Act Team passed.
b. Senator Pappas will represent ASUM on KGBA tomorrow.

Business Manager's Report

Special Allocation - $14,013.35
Travel Special Allocation - $11,106.06
STIP - $113,385.65
Zero-Base Carryover - $125,730.47

a. A Zero-Base Carryover request for $1,875 to purchase whistles for student safety was postponed until this week. A motion by Morton-Price to remove it from the docket passed.
b. A Zero-Base Carryover request for $2,912.50 for campus safety programs was recommended for same by Budget and Finance. Ziegler-Healow moved to amend the amount to $612.50 to cover only the speaker fee of $550 and the safety tip sheets at a cost of $62.50. A previous question call by Helling-Haddouch failed. A motion by Healow-Bissell to divide the question for a vote was honored by the Chair. The Chair agreed to a request by Cederberg to consider the flashlight cost of $2,300 first. A request by Hogue to increase the amount by $40 to cover postage was adopted by unanimous consent after a motion by Morton. After a previous question call by Helling, the amended motion of $2,340 passed. A motion by Helling-Peters to adopt with unanimous consent the tip sheet cost of $62.50 was objected to. The motion passed after a previous question call by Peters. The speaker fee and hotel cost of $550 passed.
c. Zero-Base Carryover - A lobbying funding Proposal for $14,180 passed for Budget and Finance’s recommendation of $180 for advertising.
d. STIP - Cutbanks’ request for $217.97 for a printer and recommended for same by Budget and Finance was adopted by unanimous consent on a motion by Peters-Prosperti.
e. SB10-04/05 Resolution to Amend Fiscal Policy 2.0 - in committee
f. SB19-04/05 Resolution Amending ASUM Fiscal Policy, Sections 6 and 18 - in committee

Committee Reports

a. ASUM Transportation (Pappas) - They talked about a possible fee increase.
b. University Affairs (Snodgrass) - SB07 as amended received a do pass recommendation.
c. Graduate Student Affairs (Bennett) - Justin Baker spoke against abolishing the committee, saying it needed time to grow.
d. UC Board (Helling) - They met for the first time and are organizing.
e. SPA (Padgham) - SB18 as amended received a do pass recommendation. The committee talked about lobbyist funding.
f. Board on Membership (Cederberg) - The following slate of groups offered for ASUM recognition passed on a motion by Cederberg-Helling: AISES, WaYaWa, Telemark Ski Club, Women’s Law Caucus, AIBL, Advocates, ACLU, ADSUM, Students for a Sensible Drug Policy, Wildlife Society, Forestry
Student Association, Hangliding-Paragliding Club, Geography Club, Student Recreation Association, Student Bar Association, Model UN, Catholic Campus Ministry, and International Student Association.

g. ASUM Relations and Affairs (Healow) - A survey was designed and printed.

**Unfinished Business**

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. SB07-04/05 Resolution encouraging Universal Standard in +/- Grading (Exhibit A) was amended in committee by deleting paragraph five and inserting two paragraphs to replace it. A motion by Bennett-Helling to replace all the wording after “encourage” in the last paragraph with “the Faculty Senate to review these inconsistencies and work to provide a more consistent +/- grading system” passed. A motion by Bennett-Padgham to replace “departmental” in the fourth paragraph with “campus-wide” failed after previous question calls by Helling-Properi (failed) and Welsh. A motion by Padgham-Prosperi to replace “Universal” in the title and “universal” in the fifth paragraph to “Departmental” and to add an “s” to “standard” in the fifth paragraph passed. A motion by Hogue-Pappas to strike “using the +/-” in the fifth paragraph failed after a previous question call by Snodgrass. SB07-04/05 as amended failed after previous question calls by Welsh.

Five-minute recess

b. SB13-04/05 Resolution to Abolish the ASUM Graduate Student Affairs Committee - in committee

c. SB14-04/05 Resolution to Amend By-Laws, Article III, Section 2D & 2F - in committee

d. SB15-04/05 Resolution to Amend Item 4.13 of the ASUM Personnel Policy - in committee

e. SB16-04/05 Resolution to Create the Relations and Affairs Committee - in committee

f. SB17-04/05 Resolution regarding Faculty Web was postponed on a motion by Price-Bissell and adopted with unanimous consent on a motion by Snodgrass.

g. SB18-04/05 Resolution Regarding Montana Constitutional Initiative-96 - in committee (Exhibit B) was moved by Price-Bennett and met with an objection to consideration by Ziegler-Hagen due to its similarity to SB09-04/05, which was postponed indefinitely last week. The objection failed. A motion by Hagen-Cederberg to delete “strongly oppose CI-96 and” in the ninth paragraph failed after previous question calls by Heallow-Price (failed) and Prosperi-Hogue. A motion by Price-Pappas to delete “strongly” in the ninth paragraph was passed. A motion by Ziegler-Hagen to postpone the amended resolution indefinitely failed after a objection to consideration by Heallow failed and a previous question call by Welsh.
SB18 as amended passed 16Y, 5N, 1A on a roll call vote (see Tally Sheet) after a previous question call by Welsh.

New Business
a. Resolution to amend Bylaws (2)
b. Resolution to amend Fiscal Policy 10.0
c. Resolution on same class grading
d. Resolution regarding paper use on campus
e. Resolution to amend Fiscal Policy
f. Resolution regarding an ad hoc committee on campus safety

Comments

The meeting adjourned at 9:51 p.m.

Carol Hayes
ASUM Office Manager
SB07-04/05 Resolution encouraging Universal Standard in +/- Grading

Whereas, during the 2003 spring semester the Associated Students of The University of Montana voted 15-4 in support of SB44-02/03 supporting the implementation of a +/- grading system at The University of Montana;

Whereas, The University of Montana Faculty Senate voted 22-14 in support of implementing a +/- grading system;

Whereas, students of The University of Montana have expressed concern regarding the inconsistent use of the new +/- grading system;

Whereas, campus-wide inconsistencies of the +/- system often result in different grades for equal achievement and effort;

Whereas, differentiation in grade value will more often hurt the grade-point average of students, rather than strengthen it;

Whereas, a universal standard in grade value would provide for equality in all classes using the +/- system at The University of Montana;

Whereas, The University of Montana Faculty is best adept to create a new standard in +/- grading;

Therefore, let it be resolved that the Associated Students of The University of Montana strongly encourage all faculty to implement a fair universal standard value for each grade used in the normal application of the +/- grading system.

Authored by Bryce Bennett, ASUM Senator
Resolution Regarding Montana Constitutional Initiative-96

Whereas, Constitutional Initiative-96 (CI-96) proposes that the voters of the state of Montana alter the Montana Constitution to define marriage as being between “one man and one woman,” and would explicitly exclude marriage between same-sex partners in the Montana Constitution;

Whereas, The University of Montana has a large population of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender students, staff and faculty;

Whereas, the passage of CI-96 could jeopardize the stances that ASUM took in SB49-99/00, SB43-00/01, SB29-01/02 and SB29-02/03, supporting same-sex health benefits for faculty, staff and students of The University of Montana;

Whereas, a constitutional ban on marriage between same-sex partners could cause gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender students to choose to attend institutions of higher education in states that do not discriminate in such a manner, thus limiting the diversity of the student body on this campus;

Whereas, a constitutional ban on marriage between same-sex partners could cause gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender faculty and staff to choose to work at other jobs in states that do not discriminate in such a manner, and will limit The University of Montana’s ability to hire the most qualified individuals for each position;

Whereas, students benefit from the diversity within the University community that would be limited by the passage of CI-96,

Whereas, the mission statement of the Senate of the Associated Students of The University of Montana asserts that we will “maintain our expectations as students desiring quality education for all The University of Montana,” and that we will “do all in our power to achieve this goal”;

Whereas, the mission statement of the Senate of the Associated Students of The University of Montana directs us to be “open-minded, ethical and accepting to all”;

Therefore Let It Be Resolved That we, the Senate of the Associated Students of The University of Montana strongly oppose CI-96 and urge our fellow students at The University of Montana to take the above reasoning into consideration as they make their choice at the polls on November 2, 2004;

And Let It Be Further Resolved That the Senate of the Associated Students of The University of Montana directs ASUM President Gale Price to draft and submit a Letter to the Editor of the Montana Kaimin explaining the Senate’s position and reasoning to the students of The University of Montana.

Authored by:
Gale Price, ASUM President