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ASUM SENATE AGENDA
February 10, 2010
UC 330/331 - 6 P.M.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - February 3, 2010

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- a. Decorum
- b. Recommendations for open senate positions: Casey Linane-Boeey, Lucas Berry, Aleta Jokisch, Trent Hanson and Will Selph.
- c. Mountainside Chat:
 - 1. Fredricka Hunter, Director, American Indian Student Services
- d. Board of Regents (BOR) signup
- e. Staff Senate recap
- f. Athletics tour reminder: February 17 at the Hall of Champions
- g. February 17 BOR Presidential Search Workshop public comment - University Center 326/27 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- h. Event:
 - 1. Montana Equality Now program, "Confronting Truth," February 20, at Calvary Community Church from 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- i. Other

6. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- a. Committee Appointments/Removals
- b. KBGA
- c. Senate office hours
- d. Other

7. BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

SPECIAL ALLOCATION - \$15,125.00
STIP - \$212,920.92
TRAVEL SPECIAL ALLOCATION - \$12,535.08
ZERO-BASE CARRYOVER - \$164,209.43

- a. Travel Allocations
- b. Corps of Cadets Special Allocation request - \$950.00/250.00
- c. Other

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - none

10. NEW BUSINESS

11. COMMENTS

12. ADJOURNMENT

ASUM SENATE MINUTES
Wednesday, February 10, 2010
UC 330/331 - 6 p.m.

Chair May called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Present: President Fennell, Vice President May, Business Manager Armstrong; and Senators Barhaugh, Brewer, Carson, Davis, Dusek, Guilhemotonia, Kilts, Mariani, Rhea, Rose, Smartt, Stovall, Summers, Wilke and Williams.

The minutes from the February 3, 2009 meeting were approved.

Public Comment

- o Ella Torti of Students for Economic and Social Justice spoke in support of the group's Travel Allocation request.
- o Kathrine Herrera, Student Program Coordinator for Student Involvement and Leadership Development, provided the University Center (UC) update, including movies Friday night, 2/12, and "Get Loopy" knitting class Tuesday, 2/16. Student Leadership Week will precede the Student Leadership Conference that will be taking place Saturday, 2/20, on the 3rd floor of the UC. One of the events for the week will be a Student Group Fair in the UC Atrium Wednesday, 2/17, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be a Student Leadership Panel on Friday, 2/19, from noon to 1 p.m. at the south end of the UC atrium.
- o Zach Porter of UM Climate Action Now! spoke in support of the group's Travel Allocation request.
- o Adelle Watts, Assistant Director of UM Concessions, wants to encourage student groups to apply to sell concessions for the 2010 - 2011 football season. Concessions is interested in groups that want to make a commitment for the full season and take advantage of a great way to raise funds.
- o Faith Dawson of the Alliance for Disability and Students at the University of Montana (ADSUM) passed around a petition calling for the formation of a contingency fund for Disabled Student Services (DSS) to cover yearly fluctuations in the total number of students with disabilities that require accommodation. This semester there has been an unexpected increase in the number of deaf and hard-of-hearing students and, as a result, DSS has a shortage of funds and is unable to provide the necessary accommodations for all these students.

- o Whitney Sjostrom of the Corps of Cadets spoke on behalf of her group's Special Allocation request.

President's Report

- a. President Fennell spoke to the Senate about decorum both during and outside regular meeting times. He reminded the Senators of their privileged role as leaders and called for adherence to parliamentary procedure and respect for each other, senate guests and UM students.
- b. The Interview committee met last Sunday and reviewed twenty applicants for the five vacant senate seats. Six candidates were given serious consideration and five were recommended by the committee. President Fennell agreed with the committee on four of the recommendations. He reviewed all the committee notes and personally interviewed the other two candidates. Instead of going forward with the committee's choice for a fifth candidate, President Fennell is recommending Will Selph, along with the other four candidates, Lucas Berry, Casey Boeey, Trent Hanson and Aleta Jokisch. Following discussion, **Armstrong-Rhea** moved to accept the candidates as a slate. There was an objection to a call for unanimous approval and the slate passed on a 10 - 5 roll call vote. (see Tally sheet) After a break, Dean Couture administered the oath of office to the five new senators.
- c. Mountainside Chat:
 1. Fredricka Hunter, Director of American Indian Student Services (AISS), described the services and programs her department provides for the 650 American Indian students from 550 different nations currently attending UM. A priority is to increase the retention rate among Native American students by providing the services they need and a place they know they may go for support and help navigating the university. Some of the programs and services AISS currently provides are Soup Friday, which encourages community building and is open to all students; the Native American Student Ambassadors Program, which seeks to promote the visibility of Native American students who are doing well; and the Mentoring Program. AISS provides considerable support but is in need of, and welcomes, support for the department itself.
- d. A sign-up sheet was passed around for senators interested in attending the next Board of Regents (BOR) meeting, March 3, in Dillon. There will be a special senate

- meeting February 19, to interview and select ASUM's candidate for the new Student Regent.
- e. President Fennell gave a presentation to the Staff Senate earlier today on ASUM's stance on the Strategic Budget Initiatives. The Staff Senate was mostly interested in learning about what ASUM does and it is hoped that there will be better communication and partnership between the two senates.
 - f. Senators were reminded of the 5 p.m. tour of Athletics next Wednesday, February 17, starting in the Hall of Champions.
 - g. The BOR will be convening a work session in the UC Ballroom on Wednesday, February 17 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for the purpose of discussing UM's presidential search process. Public comment is scheduled from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
 - h. Event:
 - 1. Montana Equality Now will be hosting a silent protest against the Montana Family Foundation's (local chapter of James Dobson's Focus on the Family) "Truth Project Training" Saturday, February 20, at Calvary Community Church. The protest is scheduled to begin at 7:30 a.m.

Vice President's Report

- a. Committee Appointments/Removals - **Rhea-Stovall** moved to approve all the committee appointments and removals as a slate. (Exhibit A) The motion passed unanimously following a motion by **Davis**.
- b. The signup sheet for committee vacancies was passed around again.
- c. New senators were to meet with Vice President May following the senate meeting to set up a time for a senate orientation. Speaking to all the senators, Vice President May said she wants to review how to run committee meetings and wants committee chairs to turn in their committee meeting minutes.
- d. Senator Davis will speak on behalf of ASUM during the KBGA radio Thursday morning program.
- e. Senators need to start meeting their By-Laws obligations by doing more tabling. A signup sheet was passed around.
- f. Senators need to start meeting with the student groups they have been assigned to. A list of group assignments was passed around for review. The list will be emailed to senators as well.

- g. Tickets are still available to senators for the Bearfoot concert Friday, February 19. The signup sheet was passed around.

Business Manager's Report

SPECIAL ALLOCATION - \$15,125.00

STIP - \$212,920.92

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ZERO-BASE CARRYOVER - \$164,209.43

- a. The Corps of Cadets' Special allocation request was recommended by the Budget and Finance committee for \$250.00. The request passed with one objection following the end of discussion.
- b. Travel Allocation requests (Exhibit B:
1. **Davis-Williams** moved to amend the UM Woodsman's Team line 32 recommendation of \$800.00 for their Fort Collins, CO trip to \$400. **Summers-Rhea** called previous question on the motion. Division was called following a motion for unanimous consent. The amendment was defeated 4 - 18 on a roll call vote. (see Tally Sheet) **Summers-Davis** moved to amend the same recommendation to \$650.00. **Davis** called previous question and the amendment was defeated on a voice vote.
 2. **Summers-Wilke** moved that the UM CAN! recommendation of \$120.36 be increased to \$209.00. The motion passed with one objection on a voice vote.
 3. **May-Rose** moved that the recommendation of \$0.00 for the Student Recreation Association be increased to \$200.00. **Summers** moved to amend the amendment to \$209.00 but there was no second. **Fennell-Davis** moved to amend the amendment from \$200.00 to \$600.00. Division was called and the amendment failed 8 - 11 on a roll call vote. (see Tally Sheet) **Rose-May** moved to amend the amendment from \$200.00 to \$400.00 and the motion passed on a voice vote. The motion to increase the recommended amount to \$400.00 passed on a voice vote.
 4. **Davis-May** moved to amend the recommendation for the Model UN from \$1284.00 to \$800.00. The motion was defeated on a voice vote.
 5. **Guilhemotonia-Hanson** moved to approve all the Travel Allocation recommendations as a slate. There was an objection to **Fennell's** call for unanimous approval. The motion passed 21 - 1 on a roll call vote. (see Tally Sheet)

Committee Reports

- a. Board on Members (Wilke) - A motion by **Williams-Rhea** to approve the recommendation for recognition of the International Food and Culture Festival passed unanimously.
- b. Transportation (Rhea) - the board has been discussing the current situation with overcrowded buses. The department recently purchased a system which uses GPS to track the location of buses, a purchase which now makes ASUM Transportation eligible for federal grants.
- c. Childcare (Rhea) - More members are welcome and Senator Boeey expressed interest.
- d. UC Board (Carson) - The board met February 8, and discussed the implications of a four-day work week.
- e. Elections (Brewer) - the committee will be meeting next Tuesday.
- f. Interview (Barhaugh) - the committee met last Sunday, interviewed candidates for the senate openings, and came up with five recommendations.
- g. Off-Campus Renter Center (Smartt) - the committee met last Friday and discussed the survey they have been working on. The committee has started work with the new director.

Unfinished Business - none

New Business

- a. Resolutions amending By-Laws (2)
- b. Resolution regarding the Supreme Court

Comments

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Phoebe Hunter
ASUM Office Manager