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ASUM SENATE MINUTES
Wednesday, February 17, 2010
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; and Senators Barhaugh, Berry, Boeey, Carson, Davis, Dusek, Guilhemotonia (6:16), Hanson, Jokisch, Kilts, Mariani, Rhea, Rose, Selph, Smartt, Stovall, Summers, Wilke and Williams.

The minutes from the February 10, 2009 meeting were approved.

Public Comment

- o Michael Paine, Program Advisor for the University Center (UC) Student Involvement, and Marissa Brewer, Program Coordinator for the Office of Greek Life, provided the UC weekly update. The Annual Student Leadership Conference will be taking place on the 3rd floor of the UC February 20, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. In addition to movies the weekend of February 20 - 21, there will be a presentation, "The J-Spot," a sex education program, on February 23, at 7 p.m. in the UC Ballroom.
- o David Meir, Advocate for the Student Assault Resource Center (SARC), talked about the two branches of programming the center provides. The first is advocacy and the second is outreach. There are two upcoming outreach programs. The first is the second annual Women's Summit, a full day of workshops on February 24, in UC room 330. Men are encouraged to attend but the focus of the day is on empowering and inspiring women. "Walk a Mile in Her Shoes, the Men's March to Stop Rape, Sexual Assault and Gender Violence," will be taking place from noon to 1 p.m., March 10, during which men will be demonstrating their support for women by walking a mile through the UC atrium in high heels.
- o Jared Trilling of MontPIRG provided an update on the group's activities, including the petition to re-establish MontPIRG as a fee-supported group on campus.

President's Report

- a. Senator Brewer has resigned her seat and President Fennell recommended Austin James as her replacement. He is one of the candidates recommended by the Interview Committee for Senate vacancies during the February 14, meeting. After answering questions from the Senate, **Rhea-Selph** moved to accept Austin James as a new senator. **Williams** called for

unanimous consent and Austin James was sworn in by Dean Couture.

The chair recognized the presence of Senator Guilhemotonia.

b. Mountainside Chat:

1. Bryan Thornton, General Manager of the Bookstore at the University of Montana (BSUM), Jon Aliri, Manager of The Market, and Matt LaPalm, Technology and Supplies Buyer for BSUM, talked about the evolving situation with regard to textbooks: their availability, sales trends and pricing.

2. Jim O'Day's Mountainside Chat has been cancelled.

c. Nancy Wilson, Director of the ASUM Office of Transportation (OT), described the current challenging situation with older and crowded buses. The OT has located two used buses for sale at a cost of \$80,000 each. The addition of these buses to the line would help alleviate some of the crowding and provide backup service for routes when other buses are out of commission due to breakdowns or repairs. The OT would like to borrow \$160,000 from ASUM to purchase these buses and would pay the loan back within three years.

d. A special Senate meeting has been called for 3 p.m. February 19, to interview the one UM candidate, Emily May, for the Board of Regents (BOR) Student Regent position. Senators are to submit questions by email to President Fennell by 5 p.m., February 18.

e. The BOR held a working session in the UC Ballroom earlier in the day to discuss The UM's presidential search process. Senators who attended were asked to summarize some of the public comments. Senator Kilts indicated that there were several speakers who shared their concerns about climate change. Senator Rhea himself spoke to the need for more funding for higher education and a new president who will advocate with the state legislature on behalf of students and make students the number one priority of the new administration. President Fennell provided a half hour of anonymous testimony to a private consultant who has been hired by the Office for the Commissioner of Higher Education to assist with the search for the new UM President. He is due to release a report on March 1.

f. President Fennell also spoke to the upcoming "Walk a Mile in Her Shoes" event March 10. Male Senators are required to participate and female Senators are expected to support their male colleagues and fellow students.

g. Event:

1. President Fennell will be presenting the ASUM Student Service Award to John Blake as part of the Charter Day celebration February 18.

Vice President's Report

- a. Committee Appointments/Removals - **Armstrong-Williams** moved to approve all the committee appointments and removals as a slate. (Exhibit A) The motion passed unanimously.
- b. Senator Barhaugh will speak on behalf of ASUM during the KBGA radio Thursday morning program.
- c. Tickets are still available to senators for the Bearfoot concert Friday, February 19. The signup sheet was passed around.
- d. Vice President May nominated Senator Selph to chair the Elections Committee.
- e. Vice President May informed the Senators of their office hours duty assignments.

Business Manager's Report

SPECIAL ALLOCATION - \$14,875.00
STIP - \$212,920.92
TRAVEL SPECIAL ALLOCATION - \$806.72
ZERO-BASE CARRYOVER - \$164,209.43

- a. The Budget and Finance Committee was unable to meet last week.
- b. There is a change to the Formal Lobbying schedule. The hours for Wednesday, February 24, are now 6 to 11 p.m. instead of 5 to 10 p.m.

Committee Reports

- a. Board on Members (Wilke) - The application for recognition for the Lacrosse Team is no longer tabled following a meeting with team members prior to this evening's Senate meeting. A motion by **Selph-Rose** to approve the recommendation for recognition of the Lacrosse Team passed unanimously.
- b. Safety (Mariani) - Every building on campus is to be outfitted with framed maps showing the locations of fire exits. There is going to be major construction at the intersection of the Madison Street bridge, Campus Drive and 5th Street this summer.
- c. Transportation (Rhea) - The OT Board met and determined that \$160,000 is needed for the purchase of two used

buses. In addition, the Board is working with Montana State University and MontPIRG on restoring the southern Montana Amtrak route.

- d. Students First (Kilts) - The next meeting is scheduled for February 19.
- e. Diversity Advisory Council (Davis) - A transgender student, Bree Sutherland, spoke to the Council about the need for The UM to update all the various forms used on campus so that they can be more inclusive and better reflect different gender identities. The Council wants to support the selection of a new UM president who supports diversity and expressed appreciation for the support demonstrated by President Dennison.
- f. Academic Strategic Plan Implementation Group (Stovall) - The group will be meeting for the first time February 18.
- g. Ad Hoc Four Day Work Week Committee (May) - The committee will be meeting for the first time February 18.

Unfinished Business - none

New Business

- a. Resolution updating By-Laws
- b. Resolution regarding Free Speech Mall

Comments

The meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

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