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ASUM SENATE AGENDA
October 27, 2004
UC326-327 - 6 p.m.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - October 20, 2004

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

5. PRESIDENT’S REPORT
a. Results of Governor Martz’s Press Conference in Helena
b. Code of Ethics
c. Lobbyist and Student Delegates
d. Complaint from Reform Party/College Independents
e. Other

6. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT
a. Committee Appointments/Removals
b. KBGA - Thursday at 8:30 a.m.
c. Other

7. BUSINESS MANAGER’S REPORT - None
Special Allocation - $13,479.10
Travel Special Allocation - $11,106.06
STIP - $98,640.80
Zero-Base Carryover - $103,597.97

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. SB16-04/05 Resolution to Create the Relations and Affairs Committee
b. SB21-04/05 Resolution to Initiate the Formation of an Ad Hoc Committee on Safety and Security
c. SB22-04/05 Resolution in Support of Student Involvement in Building Development
d. SB23-04/05 Resolution to Commend Student Athletes on Academic Progress

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 27, 2004
Chair Pavlish called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. Present: Price, Pavlish, Bennett, Bissell, Cederberg, Clairmont, Haddouch, Hagen, Heallow, Helling, Hogue, Johnson, Padgham, Pappas, Pettit, Pipinich, Prosperi, Snodgrass, Venetz, Welsh and Ziegler. Excused were Morton and Peters.

The meeting minutes for October 20, 2004, were approved as written.

Public Comment
*Senate Advisor Anderson noted that he will have to leave early.

President’s Report
a. Price attended Governor Martz’s press conference in Helena today. The Governor announced budget proposals for the upcoming biennium, which would greatly increase higher education funding (Exhibit A).

b. Price may be proposing a Code of Ethics for students. President Dennison supports the idea.

c. SPA approved a lobbyist and student delegates, the latter to be coordinated by the lobbyist.

d. Price received a letter of complaint from the Reform Party/College Independents concerning banners in the UC. Many students are not aware of the regulations, which are not enforced.

Vice President’s Report
a. A motion by Heallow-Padgham to remove Mary Beth Sampsel and Mary Pat Cunningham from the Housing Board passed. A motion by Heallow-Bennett to remove Rob Welsh from the Graduate Student Association passed. A motion by Bennett-Snodgrass to appoint Tyler Clairmont to the Graduate Student Association passed. A motion by Heallow-Bennett to appoint Tom Figarelle to SPA passed.

b. Senator Venetz will represent ASUM on KBGA tomorrow.

Business Manager’s Report - None

Special Allocation - $14,013.35
Travel Special Allocation - $11,106.06
STIP - $96,588.80
Zero-Base Carryover - $103,597.97

Committee Reports
a. ASUM Relations and Affairs (Heallow) - SB23 received a do pass recommendation.

b. University Affairs (Venetz) - SB21 and SB22 received do pass recommendations.

c. UC Board (Helling) - Goals and operating procedures were discussed.

Helling will take the banner issue mentioned in the President’s Report to UC Board for discussion.

d. Housing (Pettit) - The Housing Fair is scheduled for November 16.

e. SPA (Padgham) - They discussed the lobbyist platform.
f. Transportation (Pappas) - They are discussing a $4 fee increase request. They will be doing a U-Dash survey.
g. Board on Membership (Cederberg) - The following slate of groups to be recognized passed on a motion by Cederberg-Price: Society for Human Resource Management, American Humanics, Campus Advance, UM Opera Theatre, The University of Montana Flute Choir, Composers Club, UM Jazz Bands, Collegiate Music Educators National Conference, UM Percussion Club, Symphonic Orchestra, International Student Christian Fellowship, University Choir, Korean Student Association, Students for Choice, Wesley Foundation, Students Tutoring Students.

Unfinished Business
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a. SB16-04/05 Resolution to Create the Relations and Affairs Committee - tabled in committee.
b. SB21-04/05 Resolution to Initiate the Formation of an Ad Hoc Committee on Safety and Security (Exhibit B) was moved by Welsh-Hagen. A motion by Welsh-Hagen to amend the letter (Exhibit B1) failed after a previous question call by Venetz. A motion by Heallow to divide the resolution and the letter for consideration was objected to and failed. A motion by Hagen-Heallow to strike the letter portion of the resolution passed after a previous question call by Prosperi. After previous question calls by Heallow (failed) and Ziegler (passed), the resolution passed as amended.
c. SB22-04/05 Resolution in Support of Student Involvement in Building Development (Exhibit C) was moved by Venetz-Haddouch. After a motion by Bennett-Clairmont to insert “with” after “ASUM” in the first sentence, a motion by Bissell to adopt it with unanimous consent failed. A motion by Venetz-Ziegler to insert “an” after “has” and strike “in that process” in the first sentence passed after a motion by Padgham to adopt with unanimous consent was objected to. A motion by Price-Bennett to insert “input” after “ASUM” in the first sentence was adopted with unanimous consent. A previous question call by Johnson-Heallow failed. A motion by Price-Venetz to insert “necessarily” after “does not” in the fifth paragraph was adopted with unanimous consent on a motion by Pappas. After a previous question call by Venetz, the resolution as amended passed.
d. SB23-04/05 Resolution to Commend Student Athletes on Academic Progress (Exhibit D) was moved by Price-Hagen. A motion by Price-Hagen to insert a new paragraph between the first and second paragraphs was adopted with unanimous consent on a motion by Pappas. The new paragraph reads as follows: “Whereas, the Athletic Department has a goal of the average student athlete GPA surpassing the average GPA of general undergraduate students, and so has achieved that goal.” Ziegler called previous question. Heallow objected, stating he was passed over on the comment list by the Chair. The Chair held his position, which was overridden on a motion by Welsh-Bissell. A previous question call by Venetz was objected
to by Haddouch and failed. There was no objection to a previous question call by Snodgrass, and the resolution passed as amended.

New Business
a. Resolution on UC Policy
b. Resolution thanking Governor Martz for budget recommendations
c. Resolution to amend Bylaws regarding elections
d. Resolution censuring ASUM Senate Chair
e. Resolution opposing optional system-wide GPA
f. Resolution for late night/early morning study venue
g. Resolution for letter to Political Science Department

Comments

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Carol Hayes
ASUM Office Manager
Executive Budget Highlights from the Governor’s News Conference Today

The Governor’s Executive Budget includes proposals to fund the following:

1. Shared Leadership for a Stronger Montana Economy
   • Workforce Development ($2,580,000 state funding) - One-Time-Only (OTO), Required match - $850,000
   • Distance Education ($1,000,000 state funding) – OTO, Required match - $250,000
   • Agriculture, Nat. Res., and Rural Dev. ($963,000 state funding) – Continuing, Required match - $320,866
   • Outreach/Increased Services ($360,000 state funding) – OTO

   **Total state funding - $4,903,528**
   The spreadsheet copied below has additional detail.

2. Equipment for Two-Year Programs (Including the Community Colleges)
   • Purchase and Update of Equipment for Two-Year Programs ($5,000,000 state funding) – OTO, Required Match - $5,000,000

   **Total state funding - $5,000,000**
   The match can come from state funds, tuition, equipment fees, bonding, federal or other sources as long as it is used to purchase/upgrade equipment for two-year programs.

3. Deferred Maintenance
   • The Executive Budget Proposes $16,052,100 in state funding specifically for MUS deferred maintenance projects. This will be possible through a one-time-only infusion of state funds into the LRBP cash program. Additional funding may be available through state-wide appropriations for roof repair/replacement.
   • The actual list of projects recommended is copied below.

   **Total state funding - $16,052,100 +**

4. Present Law Base Adjustments (from the FY04 base budget)
   • MUS Resident Enrollment Growth ($706,112 in state funding)
   • CC Resident Enrollment Growth ($2,330,475 in state funding)
   • Other present law base adjustments including state-wide adjustments ($8,752,962)

   **Total state funding - $11,789,549**
5. State Pay Plan – Negotiations have not been completed but the budget will include funding to provide for salary and benefit increases for state employees at a level recommended by the executive. (Includes Community Colleges)

- Pay increases of 3% each year effective on October 1st in 2005 and on October 1st in 2006.
- Increase in the state contribution for insurance of $46 per month on July 1st in 2005 and an additional $51 per month on July 1st in 2006.
- As has been past practice, the pay plan will not be fully funded with state funds but will be based upon the split of state funds to total funds. It is anticipated this will be approximately 43% state funds with 57% to be raised through tuition increases.

Total state funding – This amount was not identified but is estimated to be between $10,000,000 and $11,000,000.
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SB 21-04/05 Resolution to Initiate the Formation of an Ad Hoc Committee on Safety and Security

Whereas, recent Senate meetings have witnessed discussion of an ASUM response to the problem on campus concerning student safety and awareness;

Whereas, the reaction by ASUM stems from the seven reported rapes on campus and the UM Greek community within the last year;

Whereas, the Senate has not submitted to the Board of Regents a comprehensive statement or agenda regarding our views on campus safety;

Whereas, members of the Senate believe that students are at-risk on campus, and that a temporary committee (which could certainly be made permanent in the future if the need presents itself) should be established so that a structured agenda outlining the Senate’s response can be articulated and adopted;

Whereas, the Senate should not let the President of ASUM dictate our response in a piecemeal fashion, rather the Senate should be concerned with working with the President in a committee setting to develop an overall, well-articulated policy;

Whereas, creating an ad hoc committee on safety and security will give focus to the discussion many on the Senate feel is necessary and will not get lost in another committee with multiple charges;

Therefore Let It Be Resolved that the Senate of the Associated Students of The University of Montana (ASUM) establish a temporary ad hoc committee on campus safety and security with the following, basic guidelines:

1) The committee shall consist of any student concerned with a possible lack of security on campus and at least one Student Assault Resource Center representative. The Committee shall be chaired by a Senator or an Executive;
2) The committee shall be charged with designing an agenda to bring to the Senate at a later date (but before the Winter Break) which outlines a clearly defined response to problems regarding security and safety;
3) The Senate shall retain ultimate power to either adopt, amend, or send back such an agenda;
4) The ad hoc committee shall also be charged with coordinating the efforts of ASUM with any plan or strategy as introduced by University Administration;
5) The ad hoc committee shall be charged with making weekly reports to the Senate to provide updates, news or any other developments regarding the committee’s efforts.

And Let It Be Further Resolved that the Senate adopts the following letter to be sent to the Board of Regents:

To the Montana Board of Regents,

Many efforts have been made in the University of Montana campus community to increase safety and security. While much has been done, many students are concerned about their safety on and around campus. There were several assaults and seven reported rapes on campus within the last year. To address this problem, University Administration has announced new spending for investigation of the installation of security cameras and other facility changes to increase campus safety and security.

The Fact of the matter is that there is a portion of students who feel that this campus is not as safe as it should be. ASUM is putting together a working group to develop a comprehensive agenda to address student concerns regarding safety on campus. We look forward to a beneficial working relationship with the Board of Regents in the future to take steps to solve this problem.

Respectfully,

The Senate of the Associated Students of The University of Montana

Authored by: Senator Brad Cederberg, Senator Rob J. Welsh

As Amended by: UM affairs
To the Montana Board of Regents,

Recent developments regarding a reported rape case on September 18, 2004 have prompted this letter. The Senate approved a letter with harsh language shortly after the reported rape in which we expressed disappointment that the Board rejected a possible proposal to raise student building fees in order to install security cameras on campus.

While the letter was most likely pre-mature, many students are still concerned about their safety on campus. As you may recall, there have been reported assaults and rapes on campus in 2004. University Administration has announced new spending for investigation of the installation of security cameras and other facility changes to increase campus safety and security. ASUM is also in the process of developing a student response including self defense courses for students.

The fact of the matter is that there is a portion of students who feel that this campus is not as safe as it should be. Together, we must make every attempt to ensure that students feel safe on campus. ASUM is putting together a working group to develop a comprehensive agenda to address student concerns. We look forward to a beneficial working relationship with the Board of Regents in the future to take steps to solve this problem.

Respectfully,
The Senate of the Associated Students of the University of Montana
Resolution in Support of Student Involvement in Building Development

Whereas, the University of Montana has established a process for building development and ASUM is included in that process;

Whereas, input from students about their campus will help provide the best outcome;

Whereas, the open land west of the Gallagher Business Building has not been targeted, in the past, as a building site;

Whereas, the Executive Education Center has already been approved for construction without input from the Senate of the Associated Students of the University of Montana;

Therefore Let it be Resolved, that although the Senate of the Associated Students of the University of Montana does not oppose the Executive Education Center, we are disappointed the procedure was not followed when the Executive Education Center was approved;

Therefore Let it be Further Resolved that the Senate of the Associated Students of the University of Montana strongly urge student input to be recognized during the remaining process of the Executive Education Center and in any future building projects.

Authored by: Leslie Venetz, ASUM Senator
Resolution to Commend Student Athletes on Academic Progress

Whereas, of the 279 student athletes achieved an average the cumulative grade point average (GPA) is of 2.9 in Spring 2004, which surpasses the general undergraduate GPA of 2.87;

Whereas, the Athletic Department has a goal of the average student athlete GPA surpassing the average GPA of general undergraduate students, and so has achieved that goal;

Whereas, the average number of credits taken by student athletes is 13.16% and the average number of credits taken by general undergraduates is 11.91%;

Whereas, the percentage of student athletes on the Dean's List is 17.2% and the percentage of general undergraduates is 14.61%;

Therefore, Let It Further Be Resolved that the Senate of the Associated Students of The University of Montana commends student athletes on their academic progress.

Authored by: Senator Shawna Hagen

All data taken from a term report for Athletic Academic Services

Pased 10/27/04
Chair Pavlish called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. Present: Price, Pavlish, Morton, Bennett, Bissell, Cederberg, Clairmont, Haddouch, Hagen, Healow, Helling, Hogue, Johnson, Padgham 7:00), Pappas, Pettit, Pipinich, Snodgrass, Venetz, Welsh and Ziegler. Excused was Peters. Unexcused was Prosperi.

The meeting minutes for October 27, 2004, were approved as written.

Public Comment
*Ryan Knobloch thanked Senators who came to the Lambda dance. The next one is December 4, 2004.

President's Report
a. Election wrap-up: Price spoke on the need to keep working to get ready for the legislative session.
b. Price spoke on the need for legislative delegates. Interested persons should contact SPA Director Patricia Bassett.
c. Price has asked ASUM agencies to provide year-end reports so as to publicize accomplishments.
d. Safety update: Recommendations have come in on consultants looking at safety infrastructure. Bids will be discussed in committee. Vice Presidents Duringer and Branch will talk to President Dennison regarding the budget for this. Price will sit down with the committee.

Vice President’s Report
a. The following committee appointments/removals were passed. Computer Fee Committee: Removal- Jason Heald, with unanimous consent. Appointment - Tom Fite, moved by Snodgrass-Price; Jeremy Mason, moved by Snodgrass-Johnson; Ryan Sheldon, moved by Bissell-Price.
b. Pavlish will represent ASUM on KBGA tomorrow.
c. Ad Hoc committee on Safety needs leadership. Senators should think about it and talk to Pavlish by next Tuesday.
d. Breakfast with University Administration Executives on Tuesday, November 9, from 7:30-8:30 a.m. in UC Alumni Boardroom.
e. Absences: 3 absences = eligibility for removal. Pavlish proclaimed that he would not bring motions of impeachment, but he urged Senators to be vigilant and bring those motions if necessary.

Business Manager's Report
Special Allocation - $13,479.10
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a. Russian Club’s Special Allocation request for $360 was recommended for $120 by the Board on Budget and Finance and passed for same.
b. Mortar Board’s Special Allocation request for $195.52 deadlocked in the Board on Budget and Finance meeting and therefore received no recommendation. Since this didn’t come as a seconded motion from the
Board, Cederberg-Hogue moved the request. Helling called the question, which met with no objection, and the request passed.
c. A STIP request for staff travel by Marlene Hendrickson in the amount of $1887.50 and recommended by Budget and Finance for same passed.

Committee Reports
a. ASUM Relations and Affairs (Healow) - SB24 as amended received a do pass recommendation.
b. University Affairs (Venetz) - SB26 received a do pass recommendation. SB27 was forwarded to Senate with no recommendation.
c. SPA (Bissell) - They met to discuss the lobbyist platform. SB 25 as amended received a do pass recommendation.

Unfinished Business
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a. SB16-04/05 Resolution to Create the Relations and Affairs Committee - tabled in committee.
b. SB24-04/05 Resolution to Increase Student Participation in ASUM (Exhibit A) was moved by Bennett-Clairmont and passed.
c. SB25-04/05 Resolution Thanking Governor Martz for Her Generous Budget Recommendations (Exhibit B) was moved by Price-Venetz and passed.
d. SB26-04/05 Resolution regarding University Center Banner Policy (Exhibit C) was moved by Ziegler-Hogue. Hogue’s motion to make the following grammatical changes was approved by unanimous consent: strike “little if any of” and insert “rarely” before “enforced” in the first whereas. A motion by Welsh-Cederberg to commit the resolution to the UC Board failed. A previous question call by Healow was objected to and failed. A motion by Hogue to replace “Administration” with “Board” in the sixth paragraph passed with unanimous consent. After a previous question call by Ziegler, the resolution failed.

The Chair recognized the presence of Padgham
e. SB27-04/05 Resolution Opposing An Optional System-Wide Grade Point Average was moved by Price-Hogue. Healow-Hagen moved to table. A previous question call by Hagen was objected to by Hogue and failed. After a previous question call by Hagen, the motion to table passed.

New Business
a. Resolution regarding student government legitimacy
b. Resolution to add recycling in dormitories
c. Resolution regarding ASUM documents
d. Resolution to amend House Rules
Comments

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Alex Rosenleaf
ASUM Assistant
Resolution to Increase Student Participation in ASUM

Whereas, the primary role of the Associated Students of The University of Montana (ASUM) senate is to serve as a representative student body;

Whereas, the ASUM Senate works constantly to gain student recognition;

Whereas, student involvement through attendance and public comment enhances the integrity of the ASUM;

Whereas, incentives often work to increase attendance at events;

Whereas, extra credit is strong incentive for all students;

Whereas, the Political Science department has a distinct interest in the workings of a government;

Whereas, a letter would encourage Political Science professors to provide their students with extra credit for attending senate meetings;

Therefore Let It Be Resolved that the Associated Students of The University of Montana adopts the following letter for the purpose of sending it to the professors of the Political Science department:

Dear (Insert Political Science Professor Name),

We at the Associated Students of The University of Montana (ASUM) office are constantly reminded of the fact that we are not always able to reach out to as many students as we would like. For this reason it is often hard for students to understand how ASUM functions and what our significance is to their time here at The University of Montana. In an effort to solve this problem we have conceived an idea in which political science professors could offer extra credit in classes of their choice for attending an ASUM meeting. Students can witness parliamentary procedure, the steps to passing legislation, examples of different functions of the legislative and executive branch, committee significance, public comment and many other examples of a government that fit well into numerous political science curriculums. It will be a great opportunity for students to not only see how government works, but the issues discussed would be ones that directly affect them. This would allow us a greater opportunity to illustrate to students the purpose of ASUM and further connect us with our constituents. If this is something you would be interested in pursuing or have any questions please feel free to contact the ASUM office for more information.

Sincerely,

The ASUM Senate

Authored by: Bryce Bennett, ASUM Senator

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Resolution Thanking Governor Martz for Her Generous Budget Recommendations

Whereas, Montana Governor Judy Martz publicized her initial budget recommendations for the Fiscal Years 2006 and 2007 on October 27, 2004;

Whereas, the Governor recommended a total increase of nearly $50 million for the Montana University System, including $4.9 million for Shared Leadership for a Stronger Montana Economy initiatives, $5 million for equipment for two-year programs, $16 million for deferred maintenance projects, $11.7 million for present law base adjustments and between $10 million and $11 million for state pay plan increases;

Whereas, from 1992 to 2002, the state appropriations to the Montana University System declined by $2.1 million;

Whereas, the Montana Board of Regents has worked with many state officials and citizens to lobby for increased funding to the Montana University System;

Whereas, Commissioner of Higher Education Sheila Stearns and Montana Chief Business Officer Dave Gibson have spent months traveling the state of Montana developing the Shared Leadership for a Stronger Montana Economy initiatives;

Whereas, increased state allocations also increase the quality and affordability of the Montana University System;

Whereas, the students of The University of Montana will benefit from the budget recommendations that the Governor has made to the Montana Legislature;

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved That the Associated Students of the University of Montana thank Governor Martz and her staff for their generous budget recommendation and years of service to the Montana University System;

And Let It Be Further Resolved that the Associated Students of the University of Montana thank the Montana Board of Regents, the Commissioner of Higher Education, the Chief Business Officer of Montana and their staffs for their hard work advocating for the Montana University System, and support their efforts for the 2005 Session of the Montana Legislature.

Authored by: Gale Price, ASUM President

Passed 11/3/04
Resolution regarding University Center Banner Policy

Whereas, in the past little if any of the University Center banner policy was enforced;

Whereas, not enforcing these policies has been of no consequence;

Whereas, hanging banners from the bottom rail of the third floor of the University Center is beneficial to students groups and does not disrupt the operations of the University Center;

Whereas, many active groups have need for more than two banners per semester;

Whereas, the only manner many small groups can get publicity is through banners;

Therefore let it be resolved that the Associated Students of The University of Montana urge the University Center Administration to change the following banner policy to read:

- Banners must be hung by string or rope from the bottom of the second or third floor balcony with a minimum of 9’ clearance from the first floor. Banners hung across the atrium must have 5’ clearance from either railing.
- Banners not promoting a time sensitive event may remain up for a period not to exceed 10 week days, two three times a semester.

Authored by: Bryce Bennett, ASUM Senator