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**ASUM SENATE TALLY SHEET**
Chair Pavlish called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. Present: Price, Pavlish, Morton, Bennett, Bissell, Cederberg, Clairmont, Haddouch, Hagen (6:05), Healow, Helling, Hogue, Johnson, Padgahm, Pappas, Peters, Pettit, Pipinich, Prosperi, Snodgrass, Welsh and Ziegler. Excused was Venetz.

The meeting minutes for November 3, 2004, were approved as written.

Public Comment
*Members of Community Action for Justice in the Americas pointed out contradictions between the University’s policies and values and the Coke contract, feeling Coke violates human rights. They urged Senate to support a December 1 walkout. They also noted Vice President Duringer’s history of negotiating Coke contracts while employed on other campuses.
*ASUM Off-Campus Renter Center Director Spannagel announced an all student housing fair next Tuesday from 9-4 in the UC atrium. They anticipate 32 tables, with a 50-50 split of campus and off-campus services/companies.
*SPA Director Bassett thanked Senators who helped get out the vote. She expressed enthusiasm for the volunteer student delegate program, which will provide one on one interaction with legislators.
*Aaron Flint asked for support of his resolution (SB28) to uphold the legitimacy of ASUM and student government.
*Caroline Keys, member of ASUM Transportation Board and a shuttle driver, asked for support of the program’s loan request to purchase another bus.

The Chair recognized the presence of Hagen.

President’s Report
a. The Board of Regents meeting, starting with Wednesday evening’s MAS meeting, will be held November 17-19. Price encouraged Senate to be good hosts and meet with other student government participants.
b. A motion by Cederberg-Bennett to have a Senate meeting next week failed after a previous question call by Ziegler. A motion by Cederberg-Hogue to have a 3 p.m. meeting next Wednesday failed.
c. Students from the South and Southeast Asian Cultural Organization invited Senate to their Diwali (Festival of the Lights) event to be held this Saturday evening at 6:30 p.m. in the UC Ballroom.
d. Board of Regents Chair Mercer asked the Montana University System student governments to review fee waivers. Price invited interested Senators to meet with her Monday at 9 a.m. to discuss this.
e. Charter Day student volunteer award nominations go to Price.
f. No decision has been handed down on the Flint v. Dennison lawsuit.
g. Optional GPA information was distributed by Price.

Vice President’s Report
a. The following committee appointments/removals were passed: ASUM Relations and Affairs - removal of Cody Atkins was moved by Healow-Haddouch; Elections - appointment of Chris Healow was moved by Bennett-Morton; SPA - removal of Dylan Laslovich was moved by Clairmont-Bennett;
SPA - appointment of Ricki Gregory was moved by Peters-Pappas; Radio Boaj^| - removal of Chris Spencer was moved by Peters-Pappas.
b. Morton will represent ASUM on KBGA tomorrow.
c. A motion by Pappas-Bennett to appoint Hogue to the Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Director search, was adopted with unanimous consent on a motion by Ziegler.
d. An Ask-An-Alum luncheon will be held next Tuesday from 12:30-1:30 p.m.
e. The following slate of members for the Ad Hoc committee on Safety was moved by Clairmont-Peters: Cassie Morton (Chair), Chris Healow, Brad Cederberg, Kim Pappas, Britta Padgham, Gale Price, John Dawson, Luke Meinert. A motion by Haddouch-Bennett to remove Gale Price from the slate failed, and the slate as presented passed.
f. Pavlish emailed senators on their student group liaison assignments.
g. Pavlish stressed the effectiveness of the student delegate program.

Business Manager's Report
Special Allocation - $13,479.10
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STIP - $98,640.80
Zero-Base Carryover - $103,597.97
a. An ASUM Administration Zero-Base request for $160 to purchase name tags passed after a previous question call by Hogue.
b. An ASUM Off-Campus Renter Center Zero-Base request for $400 to be used in a drawing at the housing fair passed after a motion by Healow-Hogue to amend the amount to $200 failed and after a previous question call by Welsh passed. A presentation on facts and figures supported the request.
c. An ASUM Transportation Zero-Base loan request for $45,000 over a period of three years to be paid back with 3% interest passed after a previous question call by Helling.
d. Morton read a card from the Society of American Foresters thanking Senate for a travel allocation.

Committee Reports
a. ASUM Relations and Affairs (Healow) - SB16 as amended received a do pass recommendation.
b. UC Board (Helling) - Cellular One was approved to stay in their UC location. New contracts will include a $75 credit on the person’s Griz card. Some groups in the organization suites will be evicted because they don’t meet criteria on usage, which will make way for other groups. The FY06 budget will be on the next meeting’s agenda.
c. Cat-Griz Ticket Sales (Ziegler) - They discussed a lottery and a lock-in. The latter prevailed. Sales will be made in the Adams Center only. The present idea is to bar entry to the Center after midnight, with sales commencing at 6 a.m. for lock-ins and 8 a.m. for others.
d. ASUM Off-Campus Renter Center (Pettit) - Plans for the housing fair are moving forward. See Director Spannagel for the floor plans.
e. SPA (Padgham) - They discussed the lobbyist platform.
E. ASUM Transportation (Pappas) - The Senate presentation was discussed. There was a presentation on campus parking.

f. Beverage Marketing (Morton) - Drinks have been given away at events, and other things are being discussed for use of the funds for campus.

g. The following slate was moved by Cederberg-Pappas for ASUM recognition: Eta Sigma Gamma, Graduate Student Association, Missoula Footbag Alliance, Muslim Student Association, Pre-Medical Student Association, Student Education Association, Students for Peace and Justice. Morton-Bennett moved to add MISA to the slate, which was adopted with unanimous consent on a motion by Heallow, and the slate as amended passed.

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. SB16-04/05 Resolution to Create the Relations and Affairs Committee (Exhibit A) was moved by Welsh-Hagen. Amendments made in committee were presented by Heallow and are as follows: reinstate Section 2D3 and renumber the following to Section 2D4; reinstate "through a nomination and discussion of potential recipients" in Section 2F2; correct the two "E" paragraphs after "G" to H and I, respectively. An error in Section 2D2 was noted for change: "University" should be "Relations." A motion by Price-Helling to strike all of Section 2E and renumber the following sections passed after a previous question call by Heallow. The Chair's request to limit further discussion to 3 minutes each passed. After previous question calls by Zeigler (failed) and Welsh (passed), the resolution passed as amended.

b. SB27-04/05 Resolution Opposing An Optional System-Wide Grade Point Average (Exhibit B) was taken from the table by unanimous consent on a motion by Bissell. Welsh-Price moved the resolution, and it passed after a previous question call by Cederberg.

c. SB28-04/05 Resolution regarding Student Government Legitimacy and Free Speech on Campus - in committee.

New Business
a. Resolution to amend Bylaws regarding Radio Board
b. Resolution to add recycling in dormitories
c. Resolution congratulating Governor-elect Schweitzer
d. Resolution to increase revenue and social lubrication
e. Resolution to become member of Stand up for Education Coalition

Comments

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Carol Hayes
ASUM Office Manager
Resolution to Create the Relations and Affairs Committee

Whereas, the ASUM Relations and Affairs Committee and the University Affairs Committee have traditionally executed similar functions,

Whereas, in the past, there has often been confusion over which committee should handle certain matters and resolutions,

Whereas, combining the two committees would not produce any new strains on the committee process, as the volume that each committee handles on a weekly basis is not of a significant level to overwhelm a singular committee,

Whereas, in combining the two committees, certain matters can be clarified including eliminating needless language, and eliminating certain roles that are now executed by either different committees or the Vice President,

Whereas, reducing the number of committees promotes efficiency and reduces the burden of filling committees,

Therefore Let It Be Resolved that the Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) amend Article IV, Section 2 of the ASUM By-Laws to read,

Section 2. ASUM Relations and Affairs Committee:
A. The ASUM Relations and Affairs Committee shall be composed of eleven (11) members, five of which shall be Senators. An ASUM Senator shall chair ASUM Affairs and Relations the Relations and Affairs Committee.
B. The ASUM Relations and Affairs Committee shall be responsible for recommending all changes to the ASUM Bylaws and ASUM Personnel Policy.
C. The ASUM Relations and Affairs Committee shall work on unbiased projects, ideas, or campaigns intended to increase student involvement in and student awareness of ASUM government in general or any particular issue(s) pertaining to ASUM.
D. The Relations and Affairs Committee shall be responsible for all activities occurring on the University of Montana campus that affect ASUM and students. These activities include, but are not limited to: auxiliary service fees and operations, campus development plans, campus security, environmental health, insurance, parking, university athletics, computer fees, academic issues, library operations, long-range building plans, international student affairs, student health service, drug and alcohol policy, and building and equipment fees.
B. The Relations and Affairs Committee shall be responsible for acting as a liaison between the Student Bargaining Representative (UTU Representative) and ASUM. The UTU Representative:
1. Shall be appointed by the President and approved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Senate.
2. Shall be the student chosen to represent University of Montana students at Montana Faculty-Administration Collective Bargaining, as provided by Montana statute;
3. Shall preferably be a member of the University Affairs Committee;
4. The President may also appoint him/herself as the UTU Representative, subject to a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Senate.
E. The Barbara Hollmann Administrator of the Year Award
1. At the last meeting of the outgoing ASUM Senate, this honor shall be presented to the recipient.
2. The recipient shall be chosen by the University Relations and Affairs Committee, through a nomination and discussion of potential recipients.
3. The recipient shall be judged on his/her ability to champion student issues, both behind closed doors and in the public.
4. The recipient must show a willingness to include students throughout the entire decision making process on campus-wide issues.
5. The recipient must also show a willingness to listen to students with the goal of understanding concerns.

6. The ASUM Relations and Affairs Committee shall enforce and oversee the execution of Article III, Section 2E and Section 2F of the ASUM Bylaws. Therefore, a motion passed by a two-thirds majority vote in the ASUM Relations and Affairs Committee can and will result in an unexcused absence for an ASUM Senator failing to accord with Article III, Section 2E or Section 2F of the ASUM Bylaws. Such decisions of the ASUM Relations and Affairs Committee may be repealed by a simple majority vote of the ASUM Senate.

a. The ASUM Relations and Affairs Committee shall also oversee the functions of the following ASUM executive agencies, in accordance with ASUM Personnel Policy:

1. UM Productions. The UM Productions Director shall be appointed by the President and approved by the Senate by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote.
2. ASUM Legal Services - ASUM Relations and Affairs shall act as a board of directors to oversee the Legal Services Director and its program.
3. ASUM Administration

b. The Student Resolution Officer shall be appointed by the President and approved by a two-thirds majority vote of the Senate.

c. Student directors may be removed from office as stipulated by University of Montana policy and ASUM Personnel Policy.

And Let It Be Further Resolved that the ASUM amend Article IV, Section 11 of the ASUM By-Laws to read,

**Section 11. University Affairs Committee:**

A. The University Affairs Committee shall be composed of nine (9) members, of whom five (5) shall be members of the Senate, and four (4) shall be students at large. A Senator shall chair the Committee.

B. The Committee shall be responsible for all activities occurring on the University of Montana campus that affect ASUM and students, but that have not been specifically or expressly implied to be under the authority of another ASUM committee. These activities include, but are not limited to: auxiliary service fees and operations, campus development plans, campus security, environmental health, insurance, parking, university athletics, computer fees, academic issues, library operations, long-range building plans, international student affairs, student health service, drug and alcohol policy, and building and equipment fees.

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And Let It Be Further Resolved that the ASUM agrees to the re-numbering of any subsequent sections within Article IV of the ASUM By-Laws affected by the above proposed changes.

Authored by: Senator Robert J. Welsh

Passed 11/10/04
Resolution Opposing An Optional System-Wide Grade Point Average

Whereas, Student Regent Kala French has introduced a proposal to the Montana Board of Regents calling for an optional system-wide grade point average (GPA);

Whereas, an optional system-wide GPA will allow students to manipulate their GPAs by choosing whether to transfer quality points from other Montana University System (MUS) schools and by choosing where to take classes that are offered on different campuses;

Whereas, other campuses within the MUS have different curricula, standards and accreditations than The University of Montana;

Whereas, an optional system-wide GPA would reduce the reputation for academic quality at The University of Montana to the least common denominator of the MUS;

Whereas, a strong reputation for quality education helps the students of The University of Montana, even if it results in them having a lower GPA;

Therefore Let It Be Resolved that the Associated Students of The University of Montana oppose an optional system-wide GPA for the Montana University System and ask the Montana Board of Regents to protect the academic quality of The University of Montana.

Authored by: Gale Price

Passed 11/10/04