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ASUM SENATE AGENDA
March 17, 2010
UC 330/331 - 6 P.M.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - March 10, 2010

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

a. Mountainside Chat:

1. Stephen Kalm, Dean of the College of Visual and Performing Arts

b. ASUM Transportation travel report

c. Missoula election judges opportunity

d. Montana Associated Students conference call

e. Out of office 3/20 - 3/23

f. Event:

1. Talent Show March 18, 7:30 p.m. in the UC North Ballroom

g. Other

6. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

a. Committee Appointments/Removals

b. KBGA

c. Other

7. BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

SPECIAL ALLOCATION - \$10,695.60

STIP - \$214,307.84

TRAVEL SPECIAL ALLOCATION - \$806.72

ZERO-BASE CARRYOVER - \$164,209.43

- a. Northern Rockies Model Arab League Special Allocation request - \$1400.00/\$195.00
- b. Physical Therapy Student Association Special Allocation request - \$200.00/\$100.00
- c. Physical Therapy Student Association Special Allocation request - \$1200.00/\$250.00
- d. ASUM Off-Campus Renter Center STIP request - \$1125.00/1125.00

e. Other

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. SB23-09/10 - Resolution Regarding RE-ENERGYSE America
- b. SB24-09/10 - Resolution Regarding ASUM Transportation Fee

10. NEW BUSINESS

11. COMMENTS

12. ADJOURNMENT

ASUM SENATE MINUTES
Wednesday, March 17, 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 Berry, Carson (6:06), Davis, Dusek, Guilhemotonia, Hanson, James, Jokisch, Kilts, Mariani, Rhea, Rose, Selph, Smartt, Stovall, Wilke and Williams. Excused: Senator Boeoy. Unexcused: Senator Barhaugh.

The minutes from the March 10, 2010 meeting were approved.

Public Comment

- o Beki Hartmann, Director of the Off-Campus Renter Center (OCRC), encouraged the senators to support the S.T.I.P. Request to cover expenses for the creation of a housing list-service on the OCRC website.
- o Lewis Kelly, chair of the ASUM Office of Transportation (OT) Board, spoke on behalf of the OT S.T.I.P. Request, which would help make it possible to purchase two used buses. He also encouraged senators to support SB24-09/10, a Resolution Regarding the ASUM Transportation Fee.
- o Ben Weiss, Student-at-Large member of the OT Board, would like to see SB24-09/10 passed and the transportation fee increased for part-time students.
- o Eric Loomis, lead driver for the OT, described the daily mechanical issues with OT's current buses and how helpful it would be to have replacement buses, like the two that are available for sale. The replacement buses have ramps instead of lifts and would be less prone to breakdowns.
- o Kelly Walsh, lead driver for the OT, emphasized the stress and frustration to riders and drivers when lift and other malfunctions cause bus delays.
- o Tyler Stosich, a sophomore who lives at Lewis and Clark Villages, depends on the bus to get to school. His wheelchair is heavy and he is more comfortable using a bus ramp rather than a lift. The replacement buses would also have wider aisles to better accommodate his chair.
- o Ross Carlson, who has lived at Lewis and Clark Villages the past three years, asked the Senate to support both the OT STIP Request and SB24-09/10.
- o Jared Trilling, Board Chair of Students for MontPIRG (SMPIRG), thanked the Senate for meeting with SMPIRG. In response to questions posed by members of the Senate, there is now an updated edition of the "Concept Plan."

- MontPIRG's lawyer has been meeting with University of Montana's (UM) Legal Counsel, David Aronofsky.
- o Sara Anderson, of the University Center (UC) Student Involvement and Leadership Development office, provided the update of upcoming events scheduled in the UC. A Youth and Violence Panel will be taking place March 18, at 9 p.m. in UC 330/331. Also on March 18, is Open Mic at 8 p.m. There is a call for male and female models March 22 and 25, for the "Every Body Spring Fashion Show."
 - o Zack Porter, president of UM Climate Action Now!, also supports the OT fee increase because public transportation is key to carbon neutrality. He also spoke in support of SB23-09/10, a Resolution Regarding RE-ENERGYSE America, as it would benefit departments on campus and help make up for funding shortfalls.

President's Report

- a. Mountainside Chat:
 - 1. Stephen Kalm, Dean of the College of Visual and Performing Arts (CVPA), distributed information on the impact of the arts on the Missoula community, especially The UM. (Exhibit A) There are four units within CVPA: Art, Music, Theater and Dance, and Media Arts. He thanked ASUM for its support of student groups that focus on the arts. The CVPA teaches 20% of the student body each semester and has approximately 1000 majors. There has been a 20% growth in CVPA enrollment, especially in Media Arts.
- b. President Fennel invited Nancy Wilson, Director of ASUM's OT, and Ryan Loomis, Road Supervisor for the OT, to speak about the two buses OT would like to purchase. Nancy and Ryan traveled to California to inspect the buses, and have determined the purchase would be advantageous for The UM. The lifts on the OT's current buses are no longer up to current ADA standards and are more prone to mechanical issues and breakdowns. The buses from California are longer, have lower floors, wider aisles and ramps. Ramps make it possible to load more easily and quickly and do not have the mechanical problems lifts have. The replacement buses would make it possible to increase the number of passengers, reduce the number of rounds lost and provide easier and more efficient access for people in wheelchairs.

- c. Missoula County is still in need of poll workers on election days. If senators are interested, there are five training sessions still open starting March 18.

The Chair recognized the presence of Senator Carson.

- d. Members of the Montana Association of Students (MAS), including President Fennell, participated in a conference call earlier this week to discuss development of the survey of Montana university students. Part of the discussion focused on the need to advertise and reach out to communities and populations that aren't usually part of the conversation about higher education. MAS is looking at doing a commercial that would highlight the strengths of the different Montana campuses.
- e. President Fennell will be out of town March 20 - 23 attending the American Israel Public Affairs Committee conference in Washington D.C.
- f. Event:
 - 1. A talent show fundraiser to benefit relief efforts for Haiti and Chile March 18, will feature President Dennison on the guitar.

Vice President's Report

- a. Committee Appointments/Removals - **Rhea-Stovall** moved to approve all the committee appointments and removals as a slate. (Exhibit B) The motion passed unanimously.
- b. Senator Summers will speak on behalf of ASUM during the KBGA radio Thursday morning program.
- c. The Center for Leadership Development is now accepting applications for the \$500 Sentinel Service Award. The award is given to an outstanding student group performing altruistic community service. Applications are available in the ASUM office and groups may nominate themselves.
- d. Vice President May passed out sheets with March Madness basketball brackets. Senators were encouraged to fill in their selections for bracket winners and join the friendly competition, the results of which will be posted in the ASUM office.
- e. Vice President May invited Senate Advisor Garon Smith to take the floor. He proceeded to demonstrate the safe lighting and explosion of a hydrogen-filled balloon, to the delight of those in attendance.

Business Manager's Report

SPECIAL ALLOCATION - \$10,695.60
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- a. **Davis-Selph** moved to increase line 622 of the Budget and Finance (B&F) committee's recommendation for the Northern Rockies Model Arab League's Special Allocation request to \$400.00. The amendment passed after a previous question call by **Rhea**. **Davis-Rhea** moved to increase line 625 to \$250.00. Division was called and the motion passed 14-4-2 on a roll call vote after a previous question call by **James** (see Tally Sheet). The revised Special Allocation of \$650.00 was approved with unanimous consent on a motion by **Fennell**.
- b. **Selph-Hanson** moved to consider the remaining recommendations for Special Allocations as a slate. Division was called and the motion failed on an 8-12 roll call vote (see Tally Sheet).
- c. The Physical Therapy Student Association Special Allocation request for \$200.00, and recommended by B&F for \$100.00, passed following the end of discussion.
- d. The Physical Therapy Student Association Special Allocation request for \$1200.00, and recommended by B&F for \$250.00, failed following the end of discussion.
- e. The Off-Campus Renter Center S.T.I.P. Request of \$1125.00 passed following the end of discussion.
- f. **May-Fennell** moved to suspend House Rules in order to consider the ASUM Office of Transportation S.T.I.P. Request for \$80,000.00. The request was approved with unanimous consent on a motion by **Davis**.
- g. There was objection to a motion by **Fennel-Davis** to reinstate House Rules. The motion failed 2 - 17 - 1 on a roll call vote. (see Tally Sheet)

Committee Reports

- a. Child Care (Rhea) - The committee met March 15. Senators Rhea and Boeey accepted the invitation to share snacks and story time with the preschoolers prior to this evening's meeting. They had an enjoyable time and recommended more senators join them in the future.
- b. Relations and Affairs (Dusek) - The committee met March 15 and unanimously recommend passage of SB23-09/10 and SB24-09/10.
- c. UC Board (Carson) - An external review of the UC was conducted March 15.

- d. Students First (Kilts) - The committee wants to promote the campaign in the dorms. The next meeting will be at noon on March 19.
- e. Elections (Selph) - Petitioning started March 15, and only ten candidates have filed so far. Petitions are due March 24, by 5 p.m. and a mandatory meeting of all candidates will be held at 5:30 p.m. March 26. The next meeting of the Elections committee will be March 25.
- f. Safety Board (Mariani) - The committee met to discuss how to prevent slips and falls in high traffic areas. Rather than framing, a less expensive option will be used to post evacuation directions in all buildings on campus.
- g. Drug and Alcohol Advisory Committee (Fennell) - At its most recent meeting the committee discussed the recurring issue of alcohol poisoning at the Foresters Ball. Another topic of discussion was medical marijuana use on campus. Currently, federal law prohibits any such use on campus. Consequently, any student with medical approval for marijuana use found in possession of marijuana while on campus, would not be cited, but would be in violation of the Student Conduct Code.
- h. Budget and Finance (Armstrong) - If there are no funding requests, the committee may choose not to meet March 21.
- i. Transportation (Rhea) - The STIP Request and SB24-09/10 were discussed at the last meeting.

Unfinished Business

- a. **May-Wilke** moved to take up SB25-09/10. A friendly amendment to change "four (4)" to *three (3)* on line 37 was accepted. The resolution passed following the end of discussion. (Exhibit C)
- b. **May-Wilke** moved to reinstate House Rules. The motion passed unanimously on a motion by **Davis**.
- c. **May-Williams** moved to take up SB23-09/10. The resolution passed following the end of discussion. (Exhibit D)
- d. **Fennell-Wilke** moved to take up SB24-09/10. **Berry-Summers** moved to amend lines 30 - 32 to read as follows:
"Therefore, Let It Be Resolved that the Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) supports a ~~fee~~ *the inclusion of part-time students at The University of Montana for the ASUM Transportation Fee. All part-time students taking fewer than seven (7) credits will pay one half (50%) of the Transportation Fee paid by full time students. to all students at the University of Montana taking one or more credits.*" **Rose-Guilhemotonia's** motion to amend line 21 to remove the wording "affect 770 students and" was accepted as a

friendly amendment. The resolution passed after a previous question call by **James**. (Exhibit E)

New Business

- a. Resolution regarding MontPIRG fee
- b. Resolution regarding Athletic Fee
- c. Resolution regarding UM Climate Action Plan
- d. Resolution amending Fiscal Policy
- e. Resolution amending Personnel Policy
- f. Resolution amending Bylaws
- g. Resolution amending Elections Bylaws
- h. Resolution regarding WPA
- i. Resolution regarding the purchase of gas cards with ASUM funds
- j. Resolution regarding marijuana use on campus

Comments

The meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Phoebe Hunter
ASUM Office Manager