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ASUM SENATE AGENDA
March 24, 2010
UC 330/331 - 6 P.M.

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**
2. **ROLL CALL**
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - March 17, 2010
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
5. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**
 - a. Mountainside Chat:
 1. Rob Barnosky, Student Regent
 - b. Other
6. **VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**
 - a. Committee Appointments/Removals
 - b. KBGA
 - c. Hillside Chat
 1. Cherie Peacock, UM Sustainability Coordinator, and Erica Bloom, ASUM Sustainability Coordinator: UM Climate Action Plan
 - d. Other
7. **BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT**

SPECIAL ALLOCATION - \$9,945.60
STIP - \$216,484.83
TRAVEL SPECIAL ALLOCATION - \$806.72
ZERO-BASE CARRYOVER - \$164,209.43

 - a. Other
8. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
9. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
 - a. SB26-09/10 - Resolution Regarding The University of Montana Climate Action Plan
10. **NEW BUSINESS**
11. **COMMENTS**

12. ADJOURNMENT

ASUM SENATE MINUTES
Wednesday, March 24, 2010
UC 330/331 - 6 p.m.

Chair May called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Present: Vice President May, Business Manager Armstrong; and Senators Barhaugh, Berry, Boeey, Carson, Davis, Dusek, Hanson, James (6:02), Jokisch, Kilts, Mariani, Rhea, Rose, Selph, Smartt, Stovall, Summers, Wilke and Williams. Excused: President Fennell. Unexcused: Senator Guilhemotonia.

The minutes from the March 17, 2010 meeting were approved.

Public Comment

- o Dave Wanzenreid, Montana State Senator, spoke on behalf of student activism and the MontPIRG referendum. He believes MontPIRG represents an important aspect of the student voice. He would like to see more student involvement and participation when the Legislature is in session in Helena because older legislators need the input of younger people.
- o Jared Trilling, Board Chair of Students for MontPIRG (SMPIRG), announced a rally for the reinstatement of higher education funding April 6, at noon on the Oval.
- o Megan Riggs, of the University Center (UC) Student Involvement and Leadership Development office, provided the update of upcoming events scheduled in the UC. On March 24, there will be a showing of "Good Hair" as part of the Multicultural Film Series. There will be one more call for male and female models March 25, for the "Every Body Spring Fashion Show." April 5, is the championship game for March Madness and on April 6, there will be a poetry slam, "Prose and Poems" at 7 p.m. in the UC Gallery.

Vice President's Report

a. Mountainside Chat:

1. Rob Barnosky has been serving as Student Regent (SR) since May of 2009. There is only one SR, but that person is a full voting member of the Board of Regents (BOR). The BOR has been looking at budgets throughout the Montana University System (MUS) and is developing plans to reconfigure the allocation model to reflect changing enrollment patterns and make funding adjustments accordingly. For example, enrollment at The University of Montana has increased

by 1700, while enrollment at Montana State University has decreased by 169.

The recently passed Health Care Reform will also have a significant impact on student loans. The federal government will no longer pay subsidies to private lenders for servicing student loans. Instead, new loans will continue be funded by the federal government, but lenders would have to become recognized contractors by meeting Department of Education standards.

The chair recognized the presence of Senator James.

- b. There were no committee appointments or removals.
- c. Senator Summers will speak on behalf of ASUM during the KBGA radio Thursday morning program.
- d. Hillside Chat:
 - 1. Cherie Peacock, UM Sustainability Coordinator, and Erica Bloom, ASUM Sustainability Coordinator, brought the Senate up to date on changes to the University of Montana Climate Action Plan. Since they spoke with the Senate about the plan last November, a target date for university carbon neutrality by 2020 has been added. Increased efforts for biomass production have also been added.
- e. Vice President May turned the floor over to Senator Selph, Chair of the Elections Committee, so that he could provide an elections update. There are currently 27 candidates running for the 20 senate positions, including five incumbents. There is one slate for president/vice president, and one candidate for business manager. Since the deadline for submitting petitions has passed, Ashleen Williams and Amanda Stovall are running unchallenged for president/vice president, and Trent Hanson is running unchallenged for business manager. Help is needed from senators to verify petitions anytime March 25 and 26. The Elections Committee will be meeting next at 5:30 p.m. March 25.
- f. Senate office hours March 25 and 26, will be devoted to verifying petitions.

Business Manager's Report

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Committee Reports

- a. Off-Campus Renter Center (Smartt) - The "What's It's Name" survey will be distributed through umconnect, the student email service, within the next two weeks.
- b. Relations and Affairs (Dusek) - The committee considered two resolutions; unanimously recommending passage of SB26-09/10 and tabling SB27-09/10.
- c. Students First (Barhaugh) - The committee has contacted Ron Brunell, Director of Residence Life, to discuss the proposal to distribute "Students First!" flyers and posters in the dorms.
- d. Board on Members (Wilke) - The Black Student Union, UM White Water Club, WaYaWa-American Indian Education Association, European Student Group and Active Minds need to be reapproved because the list of groups to be approved last week was inaccurate. **Selph-Rhea** moved to approve the groups as a slate and the motion passed unanimously on a motion by **Davis**.
- e. Budget and Finance (Armstrong) - All requests have been tabled until the next meeting.
- f. KBGA Student Radio (Kilts) - the new general manager has been selected and will be taking over in July.
- g. Publications Board (Armstrong) - The board will be meeting soon to review applications from candidates for positions at the Kaimin.

Unfinished Business

- a. **Dusek-Davis** moved to take up SB26-09/10. The resolution passed unanimously following the end of discussion.
(Exhibit A)

New Business

- a. Resolution amending Fiscal Policy
- b. Resolution amending Elections Bylaws
- c. Resolution regarding student teaching fees
- d. Resolution regarding sustainability in the Gallagher Business Building
- e. Resolution amending Bylaws

Comments

The meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

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