1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - January 26, 2005
4. PUBLIC COMMENT

5. PRESIDENT’S REPORT
   a. Ken Willett, Director, Office of Public Safety; Nancy Wilson, Director, ASUM Transportation
   b. MAS Meeting Rescheduled - Friday at noon
   c. Budget Meeting Rescheduled - Tuesday at noon
   d. Chinese New Year Invitation from Chinese Student Association
   e. Other

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

7. BUSINESS MANAGER’S REPORT
   Special Allocation - $14,780.75
   Travel Special Allocation - $12,382.79
   STIP - $107,953.46
   Zero-Base Carryover - $59,483.24
   a. STIP for ASUM Administration - $62.92/$62.92 (5-0)
   b. Special Allocation for College Republicans - $166/$166 (4-0-1)
   c. Web Site
   d. Student Group Contacts
   e. Other

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. SB36-04/05 Resolution to send Transportation and UDASH fee Increases to referenda and support the proposed parking decal increase

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
LESLEI 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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Chair Pavlish called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. Present: Price, Pavlish, Morton, Bennett, Bissell, Clairmont, Haddouch, Healow, Helling, Hogue (6:05), Johnson, Padgham (6:07), Pappas, Peters, Pettit, Pipinich, Prosperi, Venetz, Welsh and Ziegler. Unexcused was Snodgrass.

The meeting minutes for January 26, 2005, were approved as written.

Public Comment

*Dean Couture encouraged students to meet with him about concerns. He will remain neutral, but he will give accurate information based on factual information given to him. He stressed the need for face-to-face contact of individuals with concerns rather than relying on hearsay.

The Chair recognized the presence of Senators Hogue and Padgham

*Karissa Drye said the Advocates volunteer regularly at the Poverello Center and will be inviting Senate to join them.

*Peter Howard referred to the concerns Senate has with Kala French being confirmed as student regent and said that he had concern with Senators paid by MontPIRG and feels they should resign.

*SPA Director Bassett asked for Senators’ written testimony on HB435 and gave them a form for doing so. A sign-up sheet for willing volunteers was also circulated.

*Michael Sperazza expressed concern over the proposed retirement community, feeling it will mean loss of green space to privileged access.

*ASUM Lobbyist Grennan encouraged Senators to talk to legislators about HB435. Legislators enjoy seeing students and receiving ideas for bills benefiting students. She encouraged Senators to contact her and volunteer.

*ASUM Business Manager Morton intended to send SB37 to committee next week, but HB520, which it addresses, will be heard next Wednesday, and so she will be asking Senators to suspend House Rules to consider it tonight.

President’s Report

a. Director of Public Safety Willett and ASUM Transportation Director Wilson spoke about proposed decal and transportation fee increases. The transportation fee increases would go to referenda.

b. A conference call with MAS to discuss student regent confirmation will be Friday at noon in Price’s office. Anyone interested may attend.

c. MSU passed a resolution supporting Kala French’s confirmation as student regent. Helena COT Senate did not endorse her confirmation.

d. The budgeting meeting with Vice President Duringer has been rescheduled for Tuesday at noon. There will be a Monday morning breakfast with Provost Muir to discuss academic expenses and a public forum February 28 at noon with Student Affairs officers.

e. Price read an invitation for Senators from the Chinese Student Association to attend their Chinese New Year celebration Saturday from 6-9 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church.
f. A fee for RTA servicing of our computers will now be levied. Price asked for input on whether we should continue the service or not.
g. Public forums are being held on the proposed retirement community, which now seems more decisive than originally stated. Price suggested Senators keep informed.

Vice President’s Report
a. The following committee appointments/removals were passed: University Court – Kim Pappas, Jesse Piedfort, alternate Jake Pipinich (Bennett-Venetz); COT Affairs – Bryce Bennett, Chair (Padgham-Johnson); Relations and Affairs – Christopher Giarratana (Venetz-Healow); Board on Member – Tyler Clairmont (Pappas-Hogue); Budget and Finance – Tyler Matthews (Bennett-Morton).
b. Hogue will represent ASUM on KGBA tomorrow.
c. Pavlish noted he will be mostly inaccessible on Thursday.
d. Pavlish asked Senate to share their thoughts about staying on Citrix.
e. Pavlish is concerned about the large acreage proposed for use for the retirement community and wondered if ASUM should take a stance.

Business Manager’s Report
Special Allocation - $12,340.75
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STIP - $107,953.46
Zero-Base Carryover - $59,483.24
a. A STIP request by ASUM Administration for $62.92 to cover additional staff travel expense due to plane delays was approved for same.
b. A Special Allocation request by College Republicans for $166 to replace lost articles when they were moved from the Organization Suite was passed for same after a previous question call by Peters-McBride passed. In response to the group saying they had been “expelled” from their cubicle, Helling noted that ASUM and the UC followed the correct procedures for the reassignment of groups in the organization suite by giving them adequate time to correct problems before they were asked to vacate.
c. Morton asked for input on improvements for our web site design.
d. A list of groups with Senate contacts was sent by email. Senators should follow through by contacting groups as soon as possible.

Committee Reports
a. Relations and Affairs (Healow) – Meetings will be Tuesdays at 7 p.m.
b. UC Board (Helling) – They will meet Monday from 3-5 p.m., at which time debate will continue on a possible fee increase.
c. SPA (Padgham) – They meet Mondays at 6:15 p.m. and continue to work on lobby issues and bills.
d. Board on Membership (Pappas) – The following groups were recognized on a motion by Pappas-Helling: Northern Rockies Model Arab League, Missoula Small Press Collaborative, Psychology Graduate Student Association.
e. ASUM Transportation (Pappas) – They met with Ken Willett today and wrote a resolution to be discussed tonight.
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://www2.umt.edu/asum/government/resolution.htm.

a. SB36-04/05 Resolution to send Transportation and UDASH fee Increases to referenda and support the proposed parking decal increase (Exhibit A) was moved by Price-Morton. A motion by Heallow to switch the order of paragraphs six and seven was adopted with unanimous consent. A motion by Hogue-Pipinich to strike the second to last paragraph failed. A motion by Morton-Price to replace “late night” with “park n ride” in the 2nd referendum language was adopted with unanimous consent. The following amendments to be inserted in order between the fourth and fifth whereas statements were adopted individually with unanimous consent on a motion by Heallow-Helling: “Whereas, such a proposal would require increased funding in order to be built;” “Whereas, a $9.50 increase per semester to the optional parking decal fee would provide sufficient means to build a new parking lot;” “Whereas, increased park n ride service to the North depends on such a parking lot.” A motion by Bennett-Hogue to divide the resolution for consideration (fees and decal increase) failed, as they are dependent upon each other. A previous question by Clairmont failed after an objection. A motion by Price-Helling to amend the last paragraph to read “Let It Be Further Resolved that the ASUM Senate supports the proposed $9.50 parking decal increase contingent upon student approval of the referendum to expand the park n ride service” passed.

Five minute recess
A motion by Heallow-Price to amend the current fifth whereas to read “Whereas, such a parking lot would require increased funding in order to be built and maintained” passed with unanimous consent. A motion by Heallow-Helling to amend the current sixth whereas to read “Whereas, a $9.50 per semester increase to the optional parking decal fee proposed would provide sufficient means for a new parking lot” passed with unanimous consent. The amended resolution passed 17Y, 2N on a roll call vote (see Tally Sheet) after a previous question call by Welsh.

b. A motion by Morton-Price to suspend House Rules to consider SB37 passed. SB37-04/05 Resolution in Support of Representative Kevin Furey’s House Bill 520 (Exhibit B) was moved by Morton-Ziegler and passed after a previous question call by Bissell. A motion by Price-Morton to restore House Rules passed.

New Business
a. Resolution to amend Fiscal Policy 9.0 and 10.0
b. Resolution for UM Administration to sign on for safety
c. Resolution to impeach President Price
Comments

The meeting adjourned at 9:47 p.m.

Carol Hayes
ASUM Office Manager
Resolution to send Transportation and UDASH fee increases to referenda and support the proposed parking decal increase

Whereas, the south park n ride is frequently operating at capacity (approximately 1400-1600/rides per day);

Whereas, parking availability remains an issue on The University of Montana mountain campus;

Whereas, The Associated Students of The University of Montana Office of Transportation (ASUMOT) has aspirations to expand park n ride and events service to the north side of town;

Whereas, Public Safety currently has a proposal to build a parking lot east of MontTech on Broadway, which would provide a location for the north park n ride service;

Whereas, such a proposal parking lot would require increased funding in order to be built and maintained;

Whereas, a $9.50 per semester increase per semester to the optional parking decal fee proposed would provide sufficient means to build for a new parking lot;

Whereas, increased park n ride service to the North depends on such a parking lot;

Whereas, park n ride service to the north may help alleviate some of the parking problems on the mountain campus by providing an alternative to driving to campus for people living in the rattlesnake, north Missoula, and east of Missoula;

Whereas, student parking is currently negatively affected by special events;

Whereas, event service to the north may help to reduce the general parking strain placed on the University mountain campus and surrounding areas during special events;

Whereas, the expansion of UDASH to 6 nights a week starting at 7:00 p.m. will provide continuous service to and from the mountain campus, south campus and downtown during the week from 7:15 a.m. to 2:30 a.m., and service on Saturday from 7:00 p.m. to 2:30 a.m.;

Whereas, fuel prices have increased significantly this year for both the UDASH and the park n ride programs;

Whereas, with the increase in the number of buses needed to facilitate increased services ASUMOT requires the building of a bus and maintenance facility to house and perform preventive maintenance on the Park n Ride and UDASH buses;

Whereas, such a facility would provide significant savings (i.e. mileage to W.COT, driver time, high cost of current preventive maintenance at off campus contractor, wear and tear on vehicles being parked outside, etc.)

Whereas, in a general survey, 90% of students said they would support an increase to the UDASH fee (out of 311 students who responded);

Whereas, in a general survey, 85% of students said they would support an increase to the park n ride fee (out of 311 students who responded);
Whereas, in a park n ride survey, 73% of students said they would support a fee increase (out of 364 students who responded);

Whereas, a $3.00 increase to the transportation fee would allow for the ASUMOT to pursue service to the north build a bus and maintenance facility, and pay increased fuel prices;

Whereas, a $1.50 increase to the UDASH fee would allow two more days of service per week, two more hours of service per day, bus and maintenance facility, and pay increased fuel prices;

Therefore Let It Be resolved that the Associated Students of The University of Montana Senate sends the following referenda to the student body during the 2005 ASUM elections:

Referendum to expand and improve the U-DASH

The U-DASH is a service offering free late night transportation to University of Montana students. The service currently provides safe rides to campus, the downtown area, the University neighborhood and the Lewis and Clark Villages between the hours of 9:30pm and 2:30am. Running this service is currently contracted out to BEACH Transportation. UDASH provides service on average to 80 students a day.

A $1.50 per semester increase to the U-DASH Fee, in conjunction with the savings from the discontinuation of the BEACH Transportation contract, would expand UDASH services to increase the days and hours of operation and from 4 to 6 days per week (the service will not be offered on Sunday), and expand the hours of operation to run from 7:00pm- 2:30am. This measure would also create an additional 5 student jobs. This Fee would also go toward building a parking garage and maintenance facility to prevent damage to the buses caused by extreme weather, and save fuel costs of parking at the College of Technology- West.

[ ] Yes, I approve of a $1.50 per semester increase to the UDASH Fee to fund the late night transportation program.

[ ] No, I do not approve of a $1.50 per semester increase to the UDASH Fee to fund the late night transportation program.

Referendum to continue and expand the park n ride service

The park n ride is a service that provides free transportation to campus from The Lewis and Clark Villages, the University Villages, and the Dormblaser field and parking lot. This service encourages a diversity of parking options in order to improve parking on campus and decrease road congestion in the University area. Currently the south park n ride operates at capacity (1400-1600 rides per day) to help parking availability issues.

A $3 per semester increase to the Transportation Fee would increase the current park n ride services to include a north side park n ride and special events services to the north. These additional services would alleviate congestion on campus during school days and special events. This increase would also go to a garage and maintenance facility to prevent damage to the buses caused by extreme weather while decreasing the fuel and labor costs associated with parking at the College of Technology- West.

[ ] Yes, I approve of a $3 per semester increase to the Transportation Fee to fund the late night park n ride transportation program.

[ ] No, I do not approve of a $3 per semester increase to the Transportation Fee to fund the late night park n ride transportation program;
Let It Be Further Resolved that the Associated Students of The University of Montana Senate supports the proposed fee increases of $3.00 to the Transportation Fee and $1.50 to the UDASH fee.

Let It Be Further Resolved that the ASUM Senate supports the proposed $9.50 parking decal increase.

Authored by:
Senator Chris Healow
Senator Kim Pappas
ASUM Transportation Director Nancy Wilson

Passed unanimously on a roll call vote on 2/2/05
Resolution in Support of Representative Kevin Furey's House Bill 520

Whereas, House Bill 520 adds the following language to Montana's Code Annotated Section 45-5-624, referring to minors in possession of an intoxicating substance:

*Information provided or statements made by a person under 21 years of age while seeking a medical examination as a result of or filing a complaint with a law enforcement agency regarding an alleged offense under Title 45, Chapter 5, may not be used in a prosecution under this section. The protections of this subsection apply to any person who assists the alleged victim in seeking a medical examination or filing a complaint;*

Whereas, in the MCA Title 45 includes *Crimes*, and Chapter 5 consists of *Offenses Against the Person* including homicide, assault and related offenses, kidnapping, robbery, sexual crimes, and offenses against the family;

Whereas, The University of Montana has a large population of students under the age of 21;

Whereas, the threat of receiving a minor in possession citation keeps intoxicated minors from seeking medical attention and reporting when they have become victims of crimes under Title 45, Chapter 5;

Whereas, the threat of receiving a minor in possession citation keeps intoxicated minors from aiding their peers in seeking medical attention and reporting when their peers have become victims of crimes under Title 45, Chapter 5;

Whereas, according to the study "Correlates of Rape While Intoxicated in a National Sample of College women," published in the Journal of Studies on Alcohol, being younger than 21 increased the odds for rape while intoxicated by 48 percent;

Therefore Let It Be Resolved that the Associated Students of The University of Montana support the 2005 Montana Legislature House Bill 520;

Let It Be Further Resolved that this resolution be sent to the members of the House Judiciary Committee;

And Let It Be Further Resolved that ASUM directs our lobbyist to convey our stance to the 2005 Montana Legislature.

Authored by Cassie Morton, ASUM Business Manager