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Associated Students
The University of Montana

ASUM SENATE AGENDA
May 5, 2010
UC 330-331 - 6 P.M.

- 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - April 23 and April 28, 2010
- 4. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- 5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**
 - a. Barbara Hollman Administrator of the Year Award Presentation to President George Dennison
 - b. Committee Reports
 - c. Other
- 6. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**
 - a. Hillside Chat:
 1. Laurie Franklin, Research Coordinator, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry
 - b. Other
 - c. Swearing-in of Incoming Senate
 - d. Passing of the gavel
- 7. ROLL CALL**
- 8. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**
 - a. Welcome
 - b. Other
- 9. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**
 - a. Assisting May 13 with Native American Center dedication activities
 - b. Senate Retreat
 - c. Other
- 10. BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT**
 - a. Other
- 11. COMMITTEE REPORTS**
- 12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None**
- 13. NEW BUSINESS**

14. COMMENTS

15. ADJOURNMENT

ASUM SENATE MINUTES
Wednesday, May 5, 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 Barhaugh, Berry, Boeey, Carson, Dusek, Guilhemotonia, Hanson, James, Jokisch, Kilts, Mariani, Rhea, Rose, Selph, Smartt, Stovall, Summers, Wilke and Williams.

The minutes from the April 23 and April 28, 2010 meetings were approved.

Public Comment

- o Molly Collins, Assistant Director for University Center (UC) Student Involvement and Leadership Development (SILD), provided information on final SILD and UC events for the semester. President Dennison will be the featured presenter for the 2010 Last Lecture at 6 p.m. May 6, in the UC Theater. Study treats will be available May 10 - 13. Molly read a letter from Candy Holt, UC Director, in which she thanked the outgoing Senate and welcomed the new one (Exhibit A).
- o Ray Davis spoke as a former ASUM Senator on behalf of Senator-elect Mandi Summer and asked the Senate to vote in support of her continued membership in the 2010-11 ASUM Senate.
- o John Blake, current member of the Constitutional Review Board, summarized the recent decisions of the committee (Exhibits B and C). He also echoed Ray Davis' comments in support of Senator-elect Summers, pointing out that she received the third highest number of votes in the April 29 - 29 general election and that this is of greater importance than being late turning in an expense report.
- o Zach Porter, speaking on behalf of the Montana Wilderness Society and UM CAN!, thanked the Senate for its support for environmental causes. The UM is becoming a leader in sustainability and environmental issues, thanks in no small part to the Senate. UM CAN! is looking forward to working with the new Senate. Zach also expressed support for Senator-elect Summers, pointing out that lateness shouldn't override vote count.
- o Devin Carpenter, Students for Choice, spoke in support of Senator-elect Summers, stating that she doesn't deserve to be disqualified for an honest mistake.

President's Report

- a. President Fennell presented the Barbara Hollman Administrator of the Year Award to UM President George Dennison. President Dennison thanked the Senate for what he considers to be one of the best awards given. He has enjoyed the opportunity to work with the Senate and regrets the same won't be possible with the new Senate.
- b. **May-Selph** moved to set a speaking limit of one minute per person for the discussion of Senator-elect Summer's possible disqualification. The voice vote was called for the ayes.
 1. Elections chair Selph submitted for the record the final tallies of votes from the April 28 - 29 general election (Exhibit D).
 2. ASUM Bylaws Article Five, Section 2.H states that each elections candidate must turn in an expenditure report by a certain deadline. Senator-elect Mandi Summers failed to do so and is therefore subject to disqualification if approved by a two-thirds vote of the Senate. **Guilhemotonia-Rose** called previous question which passed on a voice vote. A roll call vote to disqualify Mandi Summers failed 11-8-2, a two-thirds majority being required for passage. (see Tally Sheet)

Vice President's Report

- a. Hillside Chat: cancelled
- b. Dean Couture presided over the swearing-in of the new ASUM Senate, after which they were seated.

President's Report

- a. President Williams welcomed the new Senate. She stressed the importance of the oath of office and of standing up for the student voice. She also emphasized that it is important to create new ideas to make The UM a better place for students who attend.
- b. President Williams wants to know Senators' opinions regarding religious observance as a legitimate excuse for missing classes to take special holidays. A decision needs to be made for inclusion in the new catalog and she will be conducting an email vote in the near future.

Vice President's Report

- a. The dedication of the new Native American Center will be taking place May 13. A signup sheet was passed around for those interested in assisting that day.

- b. The mandatory Senate retreat will most likely be held the first weekend of the fall semester after classes start.

Business Manager's Report

- a. Business Manager Hanson welcomed the new Senators and pointed out the need for new members of the Budget and Finance committee for next semester.

Committee Reports

- a. UC Board (Carson) - Met for the last time May 4.
- b. Transportation (Rhea) - The new bus barn opening took place earlier in the day. The new barn has room for six buses.
- c. Child Care Board (Rhea) - The shed is due to be replaced as it was discovered that it was originally painted with lead paint. A drainage pump is being installed in the playground.
- d. Off-Campus Renter Center (Summers) - the committee met via email. An email survey has been sent out to more than 14,000 students in order to assess common problems, where they live, who they rent from and where they want to live.

Unfinished Business - none

New Business

- a. Resolution amending Bylaws
- b. Resolution regarding enhanced academic experience
- c. Resolution regarding the College of Technology
- d. Resolution regarding veterans
- e. Resolution amending the Constitution
- f. Resolution regarding higher education funding
- g. Resolution regarding the Constitutional Review Board

Comments

The meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

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