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ASUM SENATE AGENDA
March 2, 2005
UC326-327 - 6 p.m.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - February 16, 2005

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

5. PRESIDENT’S REPORT
a. 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 - $11,934.75
Travel Special Allocation - $2,172.38
STIP - $107,790.24
Zero-Base Carryover - $59,483.24
a. 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. SB40-04/05 Resolution Supporting the University Center Fiscal Years 2006/2007 Proposal
b. SB41-04/05 Resolution supporting the Campus Recreation Fiscal Year 2006 and 2007 Proposal
c. SB42-04/05 Resolution supporting an adjustment to the Curry Health Center Fiscal Year 2006 Proposal and supporting the Curry Health Center Fiscal Year 2007 Proposal
d. Resolution to Amend ASUM House Rules Article 1, Section 2

10. NEW BUSINESS

11. COMMENTS

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Chair Pavlish called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Present were: Price (6:07), Pavlish, Morton, Bennett, Bissell (6:05), Dawson, Duncan, Haddouch, Healow, Helling, Hogue, Johnson, Padgham, Pappas, Peters (6:05), Pettit, Pipinich, Prosperi (6:12), Venetz, Welsh and Ziegler. Excused was Snodgrass. Unexcused was Clairmont.

The meeting minutes for February 16, 2005, were approved as written on a motion by Bennett-Pappas.

The Chair recognized the presence of Bissell and Peters.

Public Comment
- Patrick Johnson defined parties and slates and asked Senate to keep these definitions in mind when voting to reform or abolish slates.

The Chair recognized the presence of Price.

- Jane Crowley suggested Senate should consider sending the issues of auxiliary fees to a ballot vote, because the students should have say in regard to fee increases affecting them directly.

The Chair recognized the presence of Price.

- Chris Routanna expressed his concern over a resolution to amend House Rules to pay the senators. He said Senate should be based on their laurels in representing students and not on whether they are being paid a sufficient salary.

The Chair recognized the presence of Prosperi.

- Erin and Jason, students in the EVST program, are going to be proposing a resolution to the administration about using more local wood products from local western Montana mills on campus. They are looking for sponsorship from Senate.

The Chair recognized the presence of Prosperi.

- Bob Giordano, a non-profit representative from Free Cycles Missoula and the Missoula Institute for Sustainable Transportation, put an informational packet in each of the senators' boxes last week about making Missoula a more transportation sustainable city. The current city proposal is toward the installation of roundabouts for sustainable transportation and increased safety for pedestrians and bicyclists. Contact him with ideas to make Missoula a more sustainable transportation city or to get involved with this effort.

- Patrick Van Orden expressed his concern about partisanship within ASUM. He said slates should be removed as an option when students are running for Senate positions.

- Tyler Matthews said slates encourage partisan politics. Senators should get the positions they deserve by actively campaigning; not by being part of a party. He said senators should earn their place and represent students' interests.

- Sabrina Holland said that students should be elected to support the rest of the students. She said slates are not a good idea.

President's Report
a. Rick Curtis gave a slide presentation outlining the fee increases for the UC, Campus Recreation, and Curry Health Center to explain how the State Pay Plan works. This was the same presentation that was given on Monday at the Fee Forum.

b. The next Board of Regents and MAS meeting will be March 16-18. Interested senators should contact Price.

c. Vice President Duringer did not attend tonight's meeting, as he did not feel he was adequately prepared to answer questions regarding the South Campus housing project at this time.

d. Price and Senator Duncan met with Dining Services this week. They are considering dropping one of the three meal plan options. Contact Price if you are interested in this issue.

e. Price met with Vice President Duringer to discuss the proposed tuition increase. An increase of 7.75% in tuition for the next two years will be proposed to the Board of Regents. There will be a meeting in Duringer's office tomorrow (Thursday) at 2 p.m. to discuss this proposal, as well as other increased expenses. Come see Price at the meeting with concerns. Vice President Pavlish informed the Senate and others to keep in mind that other Montana schools are looking at proposing increases from 12-14%.

Vice President's Report
a. The following committee appointments/removals passed: Griz Card – appoint Derek Duncan (Bennett-Pappas); Drug and Alcohol Advisory Committee – remove Rob Welsh and appoint Kim Pappas (Bennett-Pappas); Curry Health Center Search Committee – Kim Pappas (Bennett-Pappas).

b. Senator Healow will represent ASUM at KBGA tomorrow (Thursday) morning.

Business Manager's Report

Special Allocation - $11,934.75
Travel Special Allocation - $2, 172.38
STIP - $107,890.24
Zero-Base Carryover - $59,483.24
a. LAN Gamer’s Club Special Allocation Request for $118, recommended by Budget and Finance for same, passed.

b. A Zero-Base ASUM Administration request for $2000 for technical services through the end of the academic year was amended on a motion by Price-Morton to increase the amount to $2250, which was adopted with unanimous consent, and approved for the amended amount.

c. Additional monies (carryover) for Spring Travel Special Allocations were recommended by Budget and Finance for $1,960. A motion by Healow-Pipinich to decrease the amount to UM Advocates by $200 failed. A previous question motion failed. A motion by Welsh-Healow to recommit passed.

Committee Reports
a. Relations and Affairs (Healow) – They discussed their unanimous support for SB41, SB42, and SB44.

b. UC Board (Helling) – Unanimously supported SB40, part 2. Will talk to Carol about fixing the numbering of these resolutions.

c. SPA (Padgham) – Met on Monday and are currently clipboarding for student testimony for upcoming legislative bills. She asked senators to sign up for one hour so they can acquire as many testimonies as possible for presentation in Helena.

d. Transportation (Pappas) – They are requesting a grant to build a bus shelter, and Walk ‘n Roll week is coming up soon.

e. Housing (Pettit) – They have been talking about the south housing development, and she thanked those who were able to attend the meeting.

f. Campus Safety (Morton) – They discussed the possible sale or distribution of special drink coasters that detect date rape drugs. They will discuss lighting and camera installation projects with Vice President Duringer at their meeting on Thursday at 5 p.m.

Unfinished Business
a. SB40-04/05 Resolution supporting the University Center Fiscal Years 2006/2007 Proposal (Exhibit A) passed.

b. SB41-04/05 Resolution supporting the Campus Recreation Fiscal Year 2006 and 2007 Proposal (Exhibit B), sponsored by Senators Welsh and Duncan, passed after a previous question call by Welsh.

c. SB42-04/05 Resolution supporting an adjustment to the Curry Health Center Fiscal Year 2006 Proposal and supporting the Curry Health Center Fiscal Year 2007 Proposal (Exhibit C), passed on a motion by Duncan-Helling, after a previous question call by Haddouch.

Five minute recess

d. SB43-04/05 Resolution to amend ASUM House Rules Article 1, Section 2 was postponed in committee for one week.

e. SB44-04/05 Resolution to amend Election Bylaws (Exhibit D) as amended was moved by Healow-Helling. Bennett-Healow moved to remove 4. E. of Article V, Section I. Ziegler-Bissell moved to amend 4. E. by changing “… become null and void, and not candidate…” to read “…become null and void, and no candidate…”, which passed with unanimous consent. After a previous question call by Welsh, the main motion as amended (remove 4. E.) passed. A motion by Price-Healow to insert “student” before “political party” in the first, second, third, and fifth “Whereas…” statements passed with unanimous consent. Welsh-Bissell moved to replace this resolution with the alternative to abolish slates completely (Exhibit D1). A previous question call by Welsh failed after an objection by Pappas. A previous question call by Welsh to replace the resolution with the alternative resolution passed 13Y, 6N on a roll call vote (see Tally Sheet). After a previous question call by Welsh, the alternative resolution passed on a roll call vote 14Y, 5N (see Tally Sheet).

New Business
a. Resolution to adopt MAS Constitution
b. Resolution to support a roundabout at Higgins Hill and Beckwith
c. Resolution for a public comment meeting on 5th and 6th Madison Plan.

d. Resolution to amend the UC free speech policy.
e. Resolution to amend fiscal policy Section 9
f. Resolution to amend fiscal policy Section 25
g. Resolution to amend Section 2 of Election Bylaws
h. Resolution banning cell phone use in library quiet study areas
i. Resolution in support of attendance based payment policy

Comments

The meeting adjourned at 10:06 p.m.

ASUM Secretary
Angie Fox
Resolution Supporting the University Center Fiscal Years 2006/2007 Proposal

Whereas, the University Center Operating Fee partially funds the services and programs offered by the University Center in addition to facility maintenance and the overall operation of the building;

Whereas, the University Center Operating Fee is currently $65 per student per semester;

Whereas, the University Center Operating Fee has not been increased since the 2001-02 school year;

Whereas, the UC staff has worked diligently throughout this period to maximize revenues and control costs;

Whereas, pending contract ratification, personnel wages and associated benefits are projected to increase by an estimated $102,545 in fy 2006, for a total increase of $323,466 since fy 2002;

Whereas, expenses for utilities and building insurance alone are projected to increase by an estimated $33,384 in fy 2006, a total increase of $120,453 since fy 2002;

Whereas, total costs for personnel wages and associated benefits, utilities and building insurance alone have increased by $443,919 (32%) between fy 2002 and fy 2006;

Whereas, pending contract ratification, personnel wages and associated benefits are projected to increase by an estimated $71,906 (5.03%) in fy 2007;

Whereas, expenses for utilities and building insurance alone are projected to increase by an estimated $8,088 (2.03%) in fy 2007;

Whereas, total costs for personnel wages and associated benefits, utilities and building insurance alone are projected to increase by $79,994 (4.38%) in fy 2007;

Whereas, all other line items have experienced inflationary increases since fy 2002 and are projected to increase at an inflationary rate of 2% between fy 2006 and fy 2007;

Whereas, a $5.00 fee increase, generating $110,000, is necessary to help fund contractual and inflationary increases to maintain current services and adequately care for the facility in fy 2006;

Whereas, a $4.50 fee increase, generating $99,000, is necessary to help fund contractual and inflationary increases to maintain current services and adequately care for the facility in fy 2007;

Therefore Let It Be It Resolved that the Associated Students of The University of Montana endorse increases in the University Center Operating Fee from the current $65.00 per semester to $70.00 per Fall/Spring semesters (7.7%), effective Fall 2005; and, from $70.00 per semester to $74.50 per Fall/Spring semesters (6.4%), effective Fall 2006.

Written by: Andrea Helling & Candy Holt

Unanimously Endorsed by UC Board: Andrea Helling, Chair & ASUM Senator; Josh Peters-McBride, ASUM Senator; Anthony Auker, Student-at-Large; Marybeth Sampsel, Student-at-Large and The Source Student Supervisor; Dustin Hankinson, Student-at-Large (former ASUM Senator); Bill Muse, Administrative Representative and Director, Office of Planning, Budgeting & Analysis; Brian Larson, Faculty Representative & Educator, College of Technology; and, Carl McNaughton, Staff Representative, Staff Senate Senator, Facility Services Maintenance Plumber; and, Candy Holt, UC Director, ex-officio.
Resolution supporting the Campus Recreation Fiscal Year 2006 and 2007 Proposal

FY06

Whereas, the Campus Recreation Fee funds the partial operation and programs offered by Campus Recreation, including intramurals, fitness services, and recreation facilities.

Whereas, the personnel wages and non-insurance benefits are estimated to increase by approximately 4.5%.

Whereas, inflation for operational expenses including utilities, supplies, maintenance and repairs is increasing by approximately 8%.

Whereas, a $4.00 fee increase is necessary to fund the contractual and inflationary increases to maintain current operation, programs and services;

Therefore Let It Be It Resolved that the Associated Students of The University of Montana endorse an increase of the Campus Recreation Fee from the current $81.00 per semester to $84.00 per semester.

FY07

Whereas, the Campus Recreation Fee funds the partial operation and programs offered by Campus Recreation, including intramurals, fitness services, and recreation facilities.

Whereas, the personnel wages and non-insurance benefits are estimated to increase by approximately 5.0%.

Whereas, inflation for operational expenses including utilities, supplies, maintenance and repairs is increasing by approximately 5%.

Whereas, a $2.00 fee increase is necessary to fund the contractual and inflationary increases to maintain current operation, programs and services;

Therefore Let It Be It Resolved that the Associated Students of The University of Montana endorse an increase of the Campus Recreation Fee from the current $84.00 per semester to $86.00 per semester.

Authored by: Kevin Verlanic

Sponsored by: Cassie Morton, ASUM Business Manager
Resolution supporting an adjustment to the Curry Health Center Fiscal Year 2006 Proposal and supporting the Curry Health Center Fiscal Year 2007 Proposal

Whereas, the Curry Health Fee funds the operation and range of service offered by Curry Health Center, including medical, dental, counseling, health enhancement, substance abuse, and sexual assault recovery services;

Whereas, the personnel wages and non-insurance benefits are estimated to increase by 3.5% or $1005, whichever is greater, beginning October 2005 for FY2006 and increase by 4% or $1188, whichever is greater, beginning October 2006 for FY2007;

Whereas, the employer contributions for employee benefits are increasing, including an increase in the employee insurance program of $46 per month per eligible employee for FY2006 and $51 per month per eligible employee for FY2007;

Whereas, inflation for operational expenses including utilities, supplies, maintenance and repairs is increasing by approximately 6% for FY2007;

Whereas, an additional $1.90 fee increase above the $8.85 that was endorsed by SB31-04/05, is necessary to fund the contractual and inflationary increases to maintain current services for FY2006 and an additional $10.50 fee increase is necessary to fund the contractual and inflationary increases to maintain current services for FY2007;

Therefore Let It Be It Resolved that the Associated Students of The University of Montana endorse an increase of the Health Fee from the FY2005 fee of $148.50 per semester to $159.25 per Fall/Spring semesters for FY2006 and to $169.75 per Fall/Spring semesters for FY2007.

Written by Rick Curtis

Introduced by Senator Kimberly Pappas
Resolution to Amend Election Bylaws (Slate Reform)

Whereas, the current Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) Bylaws provide for political party slates;

Whereas, slates allow for students seeking an ASUM office the opportunity to identify themselves with a political party;

Whereas, currently only candidates who organize slates are able to identify themselves with a political party on the election ballot;

Whereas, all candidates seeking ASUM office should have the opportunity to identify themselves with a party or as independents on the election ballot;

Whereas, allowing all candidates the option of placing a political party affiliation on the election ballot would result in more equitable ASUM elections;

Therefore Let It Be Resolved that Article V, Section 1, Point A, of the ASUM Bylaws be amended to read as follows:

Article V
Section 1. Eligibility:
A. Members may seek office within these guidelines:
1. Any member as defined in Article I, Section 2 of the Constitution is eligible to run for any office.
2. A potential candidate must file a petition with the Elections Committee. Petitions are available from the Elections Committee and must consist of the signatures, printed names, ID numbers, and telephone numbers of at least 50 members registered during Spring Semester of the election. A student political party may present a slate of potential candidates for any or all elective positions upon petition of at least 50 students, registered during Spring Semester of the election, per potential candidate. The names of all potential candidates who are members of parties must be named on the petitions for that party.
3. Potential candidates for President must run with a potential candidate for Vice President as a single ticket, with a joint petition containing at least 100 signatures.
4. A student political party may establish a slate representing candidates with common interests and goals for any or all elective positions upon petition of at least 50 students, registered during Spring Semester of the election.
5. All petitions for slates shall be turned into the ASUM office by a deadline set to allow enough time for candidates to affiliate themselves with a slate on their petition.
6. Candidates choosing not to affiliate with a slate shall be designated as independents on their petitions and on the election ballot.
7. Each candidate choosing to run as a member of a slate must indicate this affiliation on their petition.
8. Should only one slate be recognized, it will become null and void, and no candidate will run with affiliation.

The names of all candidates shall be published in the Montana Kaimin immediately after the validation of petitions by the Elections Committee. The names of the winners of a primary election, if one is held, shall be published immediately following the election. Notices of special elections shall be conspicuously printed in the Montana Kaimin at least four times before the elections, including two issues immediately preceding the election.

Any member as defined in Article I, Section 2 of the Constitution is eligible to run as a write-in candidate. Write-in candidates shall not be printed on any ballot or participate in any ASUM-sponsored pre-election activities. Write-in candidates must adhere to the same campaigning and budget restrictions as recognized candidates. Write-in candidates need not be recognized by the Elections Committee.

Author by Senator Christopher Healo
With amendments from Senator Derek Duncan
Resolution to Amend Election Bylaws (Slate Reform)

Whereas, the current Associated Students of The University of Montana (ASUM) Bylaws provide for political party slates;

Whereas, currently only candidates who organize slates are able to identify themselves with a political party on the election ballot;

Whereas, removing political party affiliations will result in more equitable ASUM elections;

Therefore Let It Be Resolved that Article V, Sections 1 and 2, of the ASUM Bylaws be amended to read as follows:

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Section 2. Campaigning:
A. Campaigning is defined as any activity which directly or indirectly promotes the candidacy of one or more individuals for an office. This includes, but is not necessarily limited to, scheduling appearances, the buying of votes with money, gifts, or alcohol, posting or publishing advertisements, distributing literature, or lobbying a voter.
B. No campaign materials may be displayed before the start of the campaigning period. Posting signs for placeholder before the start of campaigning is not permitted.
C. Campaigning through speech or signs within the immediate polling sites on the days of primary and general elections is not permitted. Posters must be removed on the floor level of the designated polling sites, including the atriums of the University Center. Failure to remove campaign materials from non-polling sites is not considered a violation.
D. The Elections Committee shall sponsor at least two forums: one for the Senate candidates, and one for the officer candidates, plus one Presidential-Vice Presidential debate following the primary, if there is one.
E. No door-to-door campaigning is permitted in the residence halls or family housing. Campaigning is permitted elsewhere on campus, including the Lodge and classrooms with permission of the professor.
F. Posters may be placed on campus according to these rules:
1. General Buildings: Only on appropriate postering areas.
2. Residence Halls: Only on appropriate bulletin boards or dorm doors and windows with the approval of the dorm resident. All posters must be approved by the residence hall office.
3. University Center: Must be approved by the University Center office. Posters may be placed only on bulletin boards and interior glass surfaces. Banners will be allowed only inside the University Center.
4. Outdoors: Only on kiosks.
5. No posters may be put on exterior doors of any building on campus.
G. Campaign expenditures, including donations, by each candidate or write-in candidate shall be limited to these amounts:

1. President-Vice president team: The maximum expenditure allowed is $100.
2. Business Manager: The maximum expenditure allowed is $100.
3. Senators: The maximum expenditure allowed is $100, with or without a primary election. For parties of three or more candidates, the maximum amount allowed is $200. This requirement also holds for officer candidates. For example, if an officer candidate and two or more Senate candidates formed a party, their expenditures would be limited to $200.
4. Candidates may choose to be reimbursed for campaigning expenditures to the amount of $10, dependent upon receipts following the General Elections. Expenditures exceeding $10 will be matched 50% by ASUM. Total ASUM contributions shall not exceed $50 for Senate and Business Manager candidates, and $75 for President/Vice President candidates, and $100 for slates. All claimed expenditures for reimbursement must have receipts. Expenditures without receipts will not be matched by ASUM.
5. All contributions to ASUM candidates must be from students. Money from corporations and Political Action Committees is strictly prohibited.

H. Each candidate, write-in candidate, or candidate team, or party must document expenditures for the Elections Committee and make public by filing an expenditure form, complete with receipts, by 3 p.m. two days prior to the general election. Expenditure forms must be filed even if there are no expenditures.

I. No ASUM sponsored organization shall be allowed to finance the campaign of any candidate for ASUM office, nor may any individual finance the campaign of a candidate in the name of an ASUM-sponsored organization.

Authored by Senator Christopher Healow