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ASUM SENATE AGENDA
Wednesday, September 1, 2010
UC 330/331 - 6 P.M.

- 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - February 27, 2010 and May 5, 2010
- 4. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- 5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**
 - a. Welcome
 - b. Swearing in of Senators Kathryn Spika and Alison Wren
 - c. Summer Update
 - d. Introduction of Phoebe Hunter
 - e. Mountainside Chats:
 1. Charles Couture, Dean of Students
 2. Marlene Hendrickson, UM Productions Advisor and ASUM Accountant
 - f. Approval of Garon Smith, Senate Advisor
 - g. Student Political Action director position follow up
 - h. Agency update: Child Care
 - i. ASUM website
 - j. Introduction of Behki Spika, ASUM Media Intern
 - k. BOR/MAS meeting in Butte, September 21 - 23
 - l. Event:
 1. Welcome Feast - Friday, September 3, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on the Oval.
 - m. Other
- 6. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**
 - a. Committee Appointments
 - b. KBGA
 - c. Student Groups
 - d. Office Hours
 - e. Events/Appearances
 - f. Retreat
 - g. Expectations
 - h. Other

7. BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

SPECIAL ALLOCATION - \$18,062.49

STIP - \$131,908.83

TRAVEL SPECIAL ALLOCATION - \$18,000.00

ZERO-BASE CARRYOVER - \$184,421.00

a. Other

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - none

10. NEW BUSINESS

11. COMMENTS

12. ADJOURNMENT

ASUM SENATE MINUTES
Wednesday, September 1, 2010
UC 330/331 - 6 p.m.

Chair Stovall called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Present: President Williams, Vice President Stovall, Business Manager Hanson; and Senators Amatuzio, Baker, Berry, Carson (6:02), Cochran, DeSoto, Gursky, Gustin, Hoggatt, James, Mariani, Rhea, Sanders, Sims, Spika, Summers (6:02), Suzuki, Wren and Yerger.

The minutes from the February 27 and May 5, 2010 meetings were approved.

Public Comment

- o Brad Dusenberry, senior and MontPIRG board member, spoke to the purpose and mission of MontPIRG.
- o Jeffrey Edmonds, junior and member of MontPIRG, described MontPIRG's current projects, among them a non-partisan new voter drive, protection of Glacier National Park from gas and oil development, a transportation bill in support of public transportation, making textbooks more affordable, funding for higher education, and developing consumer protection guides for students.

The Chair recognized the presence of Senators Carson and Summers.

- o Neil Bennett, MontPIRG board member, explained the various options students have for receiving a refund of the \$5.00 opt-out MontPIRG fee.
- o Charles Couture, Dean of Students, expressed his hopes that the Senate will work hard to change the current fee system for MontPIRG from opt-out to opt-in.
- o Candy Holt, University Center (UC) Director, welcomed senators back to school and described several UC renovation and capitol improvement projects which occurred over the summer, including the addition of electrical outlets on the second floor of the atrium, new furniture in the Game Room, and universal accessibility for a ground floor restroom. The UC belongs to the Association of College Unions International and President Williams has agreed to be a featured speaker at the regional conference the UC is hosting at the end of October.

President's Report

- a. President Williams welcomed the Senate.
- b. Dean Couture presided over the swearing-in of Senators Spika and Wren.
- c. President Williams announced that approximately \$10,000 in rent has been waived for facilities that Child Care uses in McGill Hall.
- d. President Williams introduced Phoebe Hunter, ASUM Office Manager and Senate Secretary.
- e. Mountainside Chats:
 1. Charles Couture, Dean of Students, encouraged members of the Senate to visit his office in University Hall 002, otherwise known as the Garden Level of Main Hall. His duties include enforcing the Student Conduct Code and working with students who misbehave. In such situations his goal is to apply an educational process to the extent possible. He is particularly interested in diversity programming and initiatives, and reminding students that not all diversity is visible. Dean Couture also reminded the Senate of the importance of being well informed of their rights as students.
 2. Marlene Hendrickson, ASUM Accountant, ASUM Personnel Supervisor and UM Productions Advisor, has worked for The University of Montana for 19½ years. As a fiscal conservative she has made suggestions over the years which have resulted in a secure financial situation for ASUM. Senators need never worry about being in a financial bind.
- f. A motion by **Hanson-Berry** to approve Garon Smith as ASUM Senate Advisor was approved unanimously.
- g. The period for accepting applications for the position of Student Political Action Director has been open for two weeks. The Interview Committee will be meeting at 2 p.m. Friday, September 3, in UC 215 to conduct interviews of several applicants.
- h. The previously mentioned waiver of McGill Hall rent for Child Care is invaluable to the agency.
- i. There are several new items and features now available on the ASUM website.
- j. President Williams introduced the new media intern for ASUM, Behki Spika. One of the projects she will be working on for ASUM is a video about the College of Technology (COT). It will be posted online and sent to state legislators as part of a lobbying effort in support of COT funding.

- k. The Montana Associated Students (MAS) and the Board of Regents (BOR) meetings will take place September 22 - 24 in Butte. A sign up sheet was passed around for senators interested in attending.
- l. Event:
 - 1. Welcome Feast is being held Friday, September 3, on the Oval from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Display tables are available for student groups.
- m. There is a Senate vacancy since Senator Alec Short moved to Norway for the semester. Applications are available online until the deadline for applying, September 7.
- n. On September 8, at 4 p.m. in UC 332, there will be a discussion and question and answer program featuring David Aronofsky, UM Legal Counsel; Annie Hamilton, Director of ASUM Legal Services; and Deborah Smith, an immigration lawyer from Helena. All students, but especially international students, are encouraged to attend and become informed about immigration issues and concerns.
- o. A Diversity Reception will be held in the Davidson Honors College Lounge at 4 p.m. Tuesday, September 14. The event is free and open to the public and University Catering Services will provide an international buffet.

Vice President's Report

- a. A motion by **Rhea-Williams** to table consideration of committee appointments until item h., at the end of the Vice President's Report, passed unanimously on a motion by **James**.
- b. Every Thursday morning radio station KBGA features "ASUM Live," a short feature during which a senator provides an update of Senate activities, discussions and decisions. Each senator is required to represent ASUM at least once. Senator Summers agreed to appear Thursday, September 2.
- c. Vice President Stovall circulated a list of student groups for senators to select from for their student group liaison assignments.
- d. Vice President Stovall circulated a sign up sheet for office hours. She also talked about the availability of the back conference room in the ASUM suite for Senate use and the importance of keeping it clean and picked up.
- e. Events:
 - 1. An Ice Cream Social, cosponsored by neighbors, ASUM and other departments, is scheduled for Sunday, September 12, from 3 to 5 p.m. in the 400 block of University Avenue.
 - 2. As part of Homecoming celebrations the Alumni Association is sponsoring the annual Hello Walk in

front of Turner Hall starting at 1 p.m., September 24. Everyone is invited to paint the word hello in as many different languages as possible.

- f. The mandatory Senate retreat is taking place this weekend at Camp Mak-A-Dream. Senators are to meet at the Library parking lot at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, September 4, for transportation to Camp Mak-A-Dream. The retreat will be over by 3 p.m. Sunday, September 5.
- g. Vice President Stovall spoke to what is expected and required of the senators over the course of the school year. Senators are required to attend all Senate meetings and must stay for the duration unless previously excused. Senators are to work at least one hour per week in the ASUM office, table in the UC atrium on behalf of the Senate at least once a semester and attend all meetings of their assigned committees.
- h. A motion by **Williams-Carson** to table consideration of committee assignments until the September 8, 2010 Senate meeting passed unanimously on a motion by **Williams**.

Business Manager's Report

- a. Business Manager Hanson described the purpose and function of the ASUM administrative funds (Special Allocations, Travel Allocations, STIP and Zero-Base Carryover) that are likely to figure in the Senate's financial decisions.

Committee Reports

- a. Transportation (Rhea) - The first meeting of the semester will start at 4 p.m. Thursday, September 1.
- b. Child Care Board (Rhea) - Senator Rhea asked that any senators assigned to the Child Care committee meet with him following the Senate meeting.

Unfinished Business - none

New Business

- a. Resolutions regarding the College of Technology (2)
- b. Resolution regarding Students First
- c. Resolution regarding academic experience
- d. Resolutions amending Bylaws (3)

Comments

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Phoebe Hunter
ASUM Office Manager