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1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - None

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT
   a. MAS/Board of Regents
   b. Student Lobby Day
   c. Spring Break Contact Information
   d. Election Information
   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 - $11,816.75
   Travel Special Allocation - $2,172.38
   STIP - $107,790.24
   Zero-Base Carryover - $59,483.24
   a. STIP - ISA $1,500/$1,000
   b. STIP - Men's Lacrosse $660/$660
   c. SB47-04/05 Resolution to Amend Fiscal Policy 14.0 Travel (6-0)
   d. Zero-Base Carryover to Emergency Travel Special Allocation - $5,000/$5,000
   e. Emergency Travel - Forensics $2,907.29/$1,500 (6-0)
   f. Spring Travel Special Allocation - $1,960/$1,960
   g. Final Budgeting Preparation Tips
   h. 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. SB43-04/05 Resolution to Amend ASUM House Rules Article 1, Section 2
b. SB45-04/05 Resolution to Amend Election Bylaws, Section 2
c. SB46-04/05 Resolution in support of Attendance-based Honorarium Policy for ASUM Senators
d. SB47-04/05 Resolution to Amend Fiscal Policy 14.0 Travel -04/05 Resolution of Additional Public Comment on the Madison/5th/6th Project
e. SB49-04/05 Resolution in Support of a Roundabout at the Higgins/Hill/Beckwith Intersection

10. NEW BUSINESS

11. COMMENTS

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ASUM Officers

GALE PRICE
President
VINNIE PAVLISH
Vice-President
CASSIE MORTON
Business Manager

Faculty Advisors

PROFESSOR ANDERSON

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

There were no meeting minutes to approve.

Public Comment
*Alex Taft, a member of the leadership team of a neighborhood council spoke in favor of widening the 5th & 6th street area and a roundabout at the Higgins/Hill/Beckwith intersection rather than a light, which he feels wouldn’t be as safe.
*A Forensics Club member asked Senate to support their emergency travel allocation request to participate in a prestigious national tournament. *Meagan Brock distributed a class survey on email use, in which Senators said they would participate. *ISA President Martin Twer asked for support of ISA’s computer request. *Big Sky Taekwando would like some emergency travel money. *Jesse Piedfort spoke in support of SB43. A bus for student lobby day will leave for Helena at 5:45 a.m. on Friday, March 11. *Chris Healow, Elections Chair, needs committee members and/or volunteers. *Lambda V-P Ryan Knobloch distributed pride ribbons as a show of support for their community in fighting hate crimes.

President’s Report
a. Senators wanting to accompany Price to MAS and Board of Regents meeting should contact her.
b. Senators were urged to attend Student Lobby Day, as noted in Public Comment.
c. Price asked Senators to leave contact information for over Spring break if they want to be contacted about issues that might arise.
d. Price asked those running for office to submit completed petitions as soon as possible.
e. Faculty Senate will meet at 3 p.m. Thursday, March 10, in GBB123.
f. Money to maintain ASUM computers will not be needed this fiscal year.

Vice President’s Report
a. The following committee appointments/removals passed: Elections – Senators Britta Padgham and Josh Peters moved by Bennett-Johnson and students-at-large Patricia Bassett and Margaret Caldwell moved by Snodgrass-Johnson; KGBA Radio Board – Ryan Knobloch and Krista Paul moved by Haddouch-Healow.
b. Senator Bissell will represent ASUM on KGBA tomorrow (Thursday).
Business Manager’s Report

Special Allocation - $11,816.75
Travel Special Allocation - $2,172.38
STIP - $107,790.24
Zero-Base Carryover - $59,483.24

a. A STIP request for $1,500 by ISA for a computer was recommended by Budget and Finance for $1,000. A motion by Ziegler-Bennett to increase the amount to $1,500 passed, and the request passed for same.
b. A STIP request for $660 by Men’s Lacrosse for goals was recommended by Budget and Finance for same and passed.
c. SB47-04/05 Resolution to amend Fiscal Policy 14.0 Travel (Exhibit A) was amended by adding “and 2/3 vote of Senate” to paragraph 14.5.2.3. The resolution as amended passed with unanimous consent on a call by Welsh after a previous question call by Snodgrass.
d. A request to transfer $5,000 from Zero-Base Carryover to Emergency Travel Special Allocation was recommended by Budget and Finance for same. A call by Bennett to approve with unanimous consent was objected to. A motion by Healow-Helling to amend the amount to $1,500 failed, with the Chair breaking the 9-9 tie vote. A motion by Healow-Helling to amend the amount to $3,000 passed, and the request as amended passed.

Five-minute recess

e. Spring Travel Special Allocation for $1,960 and recommended by Budget and Finance for same was recommitted on a motion by Healow-Helling.
f. Binders are available in Morton’s office for final budgeting review. Senators were reminded to be on time for the 8 a.m. Saturday meeting.
g. An emergency travel special allocation request by Forensics for $2,907.29 and recommended by Budget and Finance for $1,500 was approved with unanimous consent on a call by Snodgrass.

Committee Reports

a. Relations and Affairs (Healow) - SB43 received a “do pass” recommendation, and SB46 received no recommendation.
b. KBGA (Haddouch) - Job descriptions are being clarified, and manager applications are being reviewed.
c. Board on Membership (Pappas) - The following groups were recognized on a motion by Pappas-Bennett: African Student Association and Swing Club
d. ASUM Transportation (Healow) - SB48 and 49 received “do pass” recommendations.

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.

The agenda order was modified.
a. SB48-04/05 Resolution in Support of Additional Public Comment on the Madison 5th/6th Project (Exhibit B). A previous question call by Ziegler
failed, after which the resolution was approved with unanimous consent on a call by Snodgrass.

b. SB49-04/05 Resolution in Support of a Roundabout at the Higgins/Hill/Beckwith Intersection (Exhibit C) was approved with unanimous consent on a call by Healow.

c. SB43-04/05 Resolution to Amend ASUM House Rules Article 1, Section 2 (Exhibit D) was moved by Bennett-Venetz. A motion by Price-Bennett to amend by inserting a fifth whereas to read: "Whereas additional time would allow more students at The University of Montana to give input on fee increases;" passed, and the resolution as amended passed.

d. SB45-04/05 Resolution to Amend Election Bylaws, Section 2 (Exhibit E) was moved by Venetz-Helling. A motion by Clairmont-Venetz to amend by inserting a final paragraph to read: "Let It Further Be Resolved that this Bylaw change will take effect in the 2006 ASUM elections" passed, and the resolution as amended was approved with unanimous consent on a call by Price.

e. SB46-04/05 Resolution in Support of Attendance-based Honorarium Policy for ASUM Senators (Exhibit F) was moved by Venetz-Clairmont. A motion by Ziegler-Snodgrass for a three-week postponement failed. After a previous question call by Welsh, the resolution passed 10Y, 8N, 1A on a roll call vote (see Tally Sheet).

New Business

a. Resolution to amend Bylaws on senatorial duties
b. Resolution on wireless access
c. Resolution to support a masters in IT
d. Resolution on new housing development proposal
e. Resolution to support sustainable wood on campus
f. Resolution to thank former Regent Roehm
g. Resolution on biweekly pay
h. Resolution to amend Bylaws Article IV, Section 1

Comments

The meeting adjourned at 9:49 p.m.

Carol Hayes
ASUM Office Manager
Resolution to Amend Fiscal Policy 14.0 Travel

Whereas, the Sports Organization Union and the Music Organization Union encounter a need for unforeseen and emergency travel funds when qualifying for regional and national performances:

Whereas, allowing the Board on Budget and Finance to supplement the Special Allocation - Emergency Travel with the Zero-Base Carryover account provides the necessary funds for the Board to unanimously support this kind of infrequent request;

Therefore Let It Be Resolved That Section 14.0 of the Fiscal Policy Associated Students of The University of Montana shall read:

14.0 TRAVEL.
14.1 All travel funded by the ASUM must directly benefit the ASUM and the organization requesting funding.
14.1.1 At the beginning of each fiscal year, $18,000 shall be deposited in the Special Allocation - Travel account.
14.1.2 Standard criteria for requesting travel funding shall be group events and/or training or leadership events that directly benefit the organization.
14.2 The Senate may choose to fund or partially fund transportation costs, and/or registration fees. Travel and lodging reimbursement rates shall be allocated, or partially allocated, according to State or ASUM rates.
14.2.1 At the end of the Final Budgeting Session a set amount of money will be deposited into a Special Allocation - Travel account to be used for travel only. The Board on Budget and Finance shall not allocate more than 40% of this money during Fall semester, with the remaining 60% to be allocated during Spring semester.
14.2.2 Only those groups in the Academic/Honors Organizations, Student Service Organizations, Student Support Organizations, and Student Programs categories are eligible for funds from the Special Allocation - Travel account.
14.2.3 ASUM Agencies, the Sports Organization Union, and the Music Organization Union will be funded travel according to the budgeting process. The Sports Organization Union and Music Organization Union may be eligible for funds from the Special Allocation - Emergency Travel account as outlined in 14.5.2.1-3.
14.3 ASUM rates are:
A. Private Vehicle $ .15/mile
B. Lodging (4 persons per room) $80.00 max. ($20.00/person)
14.4 The Office Manager or Accountant, under direction of the Business Manager, may approve budgeted travel expenditures.
14.5 Travel requests must be submitted to the Business Manager by the Wednesday of the third week of Fall semester and by the Wednesday of the second week of Spring semester. Requests must be submitted in the semester in which the travel occurs. If a request is placed before the Group Recognition Form deadline, the Group Recognition Form must be submitted in advance of the request.
14.5.1 The Board shall review all requests during the fourth week of Fall semester and third week of Spring semester. Recommendations will be made to be approved by the Senate.
14.5.2 A reserve of no less than 5% of each semester's total travel allocation shall be maintained for unforeseen or emergency travel occurring after travel lobbying for the current semester.
14.5.2.1 These funds shall only available upon 4/5 approval of the Board.
14.5.2.2 Any excess funds remaining in the reserve after Fall semester shall be rolled over into the total travel fund for Spring semester.
14.5.2.3 The Special Allocation - Emergency Travel account may be supplemented by the Zero-Base Carryover account through unanimous support of the Board, and 2/3 vote of the Senate.
14.6 As with other benefits provided by the ASUM, travel participation approved and obtained through the ASUM shall be limited to activity fee paying members of the ASUM. Representatives of the ASUM organizations as stated on the registration form must verify the status of each applicant described in the travel request documents filed with the ASUM.
14.7 Travel allocation appropriations over $500 will require the group, within two weeks from the completion of travel, to give a brief oral synopsis of the event to the Senate.
14.8 At the end of each Fiscal Year, any funds left over in the Special Allocations - Travel account shall roll over.

Authoried by: Cassie Morton, ASUM Business Manager
Endorsed by: vJosh Peters-McBride, ASUM Senator on the Board of Budget and Finance
Resolution in Support of Additional Public Comment on the Madison/5th/6th Project

Whereas, the area encompassing the south end of the Madison Street bridge, 5th, 6th, Arthur and Maurice avenues is the focus of a state project to reconfigure these roads and intersections in order to improve the safety and flow for motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians;

Whereas, the Montana Department of Transportation (MDOT) has not provided a design that sufficiently improves pedestrian and bicycle safety;

Whereas, the current design for the project favored by MDOT fails to provide safe access for pedestrians and bicyclists;

Whereas, with the current design the intersection of Arthur and 6th is 72 feet wide (wider than a reserve street intersection);

Whereas, the proposed width of Arthur Avenue in the current design will require the demolition of 4 University of Montana owned houses;

Whereas, the current design will pave over a large portion of Jeannette Rankin Park;

Whereas, MDOT has failed to allow for adequate public input for a project of this magnitude;

Whereas, the University Neighborhood Council opposes the current design of this project;

Whereas, the ASUM Office of Transportation opposes the current design of this project;

Therefore Let It Be Resolved that the Associated Students of The University of Montana (ASUM) request a public meeting on the design of the Madison/5th/6th project.

Authored by: Benjamin Courteau, Student at Large

Passed 3/9/05
Resolution in support of a roundabout at the Higgins/Hill/Beckwith intersection

Whereas, the intersection at Higgins, Hill and Beckwith is in need of improvement, which can be done either with a stop light or a roundabout;

Whereas, the city initially wanted to build a roundabout at this location but now prefers the traffic signal solution simply because one of the property owners at this intersection opposes the roundabout solution;

Whereas, changing a traditional intersection to a single lane roundabout has been shown to reduce severe crashes and fatalities by 89%, according to the Insurance Institute of America;

Whereas, single lane roundabouts have 65% less congestion compared to a traffic light controlled intersection, according to the US Department of Transportation;

Whereas, reducing congestion and idling cars at an intersection reduces the amount of hazardous pollution such as carbon monoxide and sulfur dioxide;

Whereas, Missoula is currently not within the EPA set standards for carbon monoxide levels and therefore is required to reduce carbon monoxide emissions;

Whereas, three roundabouts installed in Golden, Colorado on a major avenue showed that speeds were reduced, improving safety, while at the same time decreasing total travel time compared to the previous traffic light configuration;

Whereas, slower vehicle speeds increase the level of safety for pedestrians and bicyclists;

Whereas, the chance of a pedestrian’s injuries being fatal when in an accident increases by 800% when vehicle speeds increase from 20mph to 30mph, according to the US Department of Transportation;

Whereas, Paxson Elementary School is only one block south of the intersection in question, and any traffic light installed there will likely increase vehicle speeds by the school when drivers speed up in order to make it through the light;

Whereas, no known pedestrian vs. vehicle crashes have occurred to date on any of Washington State’s 65 modern roundabouts, according to a Washington Department of Transportation engineer;

Whereas, the aesthetics of a roundabout are less obtrusive and fit better with the neighborhood setting of the Higgins, Hill and Beckwith area;

Whereas, the Slant Street Neighborhood Council supports a roundabout at the intersection of Higgins, Hill and Beckwith area;

Whereas, the ASUM Office of Transportation Board supports this measure;

Therefore Let It Be Resolved that the Associated Students of The University of Montana (ASUM) support the building of a roundabout at the Higgins/Hill/Beckwith intersection.

Authored by: Ben Courteau, Transportation Board Chair
Resolution to Amend ASUM House Rules Article 1, Section 2

Whereas, the Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) uses its House Rules to govern the proceedings of ASUM Senate meetings, including the introduction of "New Business" and the consideration of "Unfinished Business" at the next meeting.

Whereas, ASUM House Rules currently require that a resolution or motion to be considered at a Senate meeting has to have been introduced only one meeting prior to its consideration.

Whereas, it may require more than one week for the ASUM Senate to acquire the information necessary to make an appropriate decision on the necessity of increasing any University of Montana or ASUM fee.

Whereas, increasing the amount of time between the introduction of a fee increase proposal as "New Business" and its consideration by the Senate under "Unfinished Business", will strengthen Senate accountability to students:

Therefore, Let it be Resolved that Article 1, Section 2 of the ASUM House Rules be amended to read:

A. Unless the ASUM Constitution or Bylaws dictate otherwise, Senate meetings shall be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised. The Senate may amend its own rules of parliamentary law by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote, and those rules shall become part of the House Rules.

B. In the absence of both the President and the Vice President, the Business Manager shall chair Senate meetings. In the absence of all officers, the Senate shall select a temporary chair from its membership, approved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Senate.

C. All proposed resolutions and motions introduced during "New Business" shall be placed under "Unfinished Business" for the following Senate meeting. Discussion and voting may take place only under "Unfinished Business" unless the Senate suspends the rules by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote.

D. Resolutions or motions to support or oppose increases in University of Montana or ASUM student fees shall be held under "Unfinished Business" until the Senate meeting two weeks after its introduction.

E. All approved actions of University Center Board, SPA, and Board on Budget and Finance may be forwarded to the next ASUM Senate meeting as a seconded motion, a seconded motion meaning that a resolution need not be submitted under New Business and after one week be debated under "Unfinished Business."

F. All Senate resolutions introduced as "New Business," must be placed in typewritten form in the Vice President’s box before 5 p.m. on the Friday following the meeting in which it was introduced. Resolutions not in compliance with this rule shall be automatically withdrawn.

G. All resolutions introduced under "New Business" shall be referred by the Vice President, acting as committee whip, to the appropriate committee or board. Prior to debate before the full Senate, the committee or board shall give its recommendation either for or against approval, or may elect not to forward a resolution to the Senate.

H. The Vice President shall post, in the ASUM office, a list of all resolutions submitted for consideration at the next ASUM Senate meeting, by 5:00 p.m. of the Monday preceding the meeting. The list shall state the ASUM standing committee to which each resolution has been referred.

I. Quorum shall be defined as two-thirds (2/3) of the total number of Executives and Senators currently holding office. No business may be conducted in the absence of a quorum. This rule may not be suspended.

J. No Executive or Senator may do homework, use a personal phone or leave the Senate meeting prior to adjournment without returning or the consent of the Chair. Violations that occur after one warning will result in an unexcused absence.

Authored by: Jesse Piedfort, student-at-large

Sponsored by: Bryce Bennett, ASUM Senator

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3/9/05
Resolution to Amend Election Bylaws, Section 2

Whereas, the College of Technology (COT) students are an important and valued part of The University of Montana;

Whereas, COT students should have the opportunity to watch their potential representatives present themselves without having to travel to the mountain campus;

Therefore Let It Be Resolved that Article V, Section 2, Point E, be amended to read as follows:

E. The Elections Committee shall sponsor at least two forums at the COT: one for Senate candidates and one for Officer candidates;

Let It Be Further Resolved that the remaining Section 2 bylaws be renumbered to accommodate this addition.

Authored by Senator Leslie Venetz

Let It Further Be Resolved that this Bylaw change will take effect in the 2006 ASUM elections.

Passed 3/9/05
Resolution in support of Attendance-Based Honorarium Policy for ASUM Senators

Whereas, Associated Students of The University of Montana Senators volunteer a minimum of 100 hours of time to ASUM meetings and activities each semester;

Whereas, attendance at the various meetings and activities is important to fulfill one's duties as a Senator and justly represent the student body;

Whereas, an attendance-based honorarium policy would encourage perfect attendance as well as reward those who fulfill their ASUM duties;

Whereas, a $100.00 honorarium to the Griz Card Debit accounts of senators with perfect attendance would recycle up to $2,000.00 per semester back to the UM campus;

Whereas, President Dennison and Vice President Duringer have voiced support for consideration of an ASUM Senate attendance-based honorarium policy;

Therefore Let It Be Resolved that the Associated Students of The University of Montana support an attendance-based honorarium policy to take effect Fall 2005;

Let It Be Further Resolved that each unexcused absence from a senate meeting or three unexcused absences from committee meetings results in a $25.00 deduction from the possible $100.00 honorarium to be monitored by the current ASUM Vice President;

Let It Be Further Resolved that those members of the Senate who are either excused from or appointed to Senate midway through the semester shall receive a pro-rated portion of the attendance-based honorarium;

Let It Be Further Resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to President Dennison and Vice President Duringer for their review and future support.

Authored by Senator Leslie Venetz

Passed 3/9/05
10 Yeas 0 Nays 1 Abstain
Roll call vote