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Associated Students
The University of Montana

ASUM SENATE AGENDA
May 7, 2003 - 6:00 p.m.
UC332-333

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
 - a. Swearing-in of new executives/senators - Vice-president Hollmann
 2. ROLL CALL
 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - April 30, 2003
 4. PUBLIC COMMENT
 5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT
 - a. Welcome to new Senate
 - b. Introduce/Confirm ASUM Faculty Advisors
 - c. Asum Transportation Director McKiddy
 - d. Provost Muir - Tuition Increases
 - e. Senate Retreat
 - f. COT Student Assistant Position
 - g. COT Hydrogen Futures Update
 - h. +/- Grading System
 - i. Board of Regents/MAS Meetings
 - j. Stadium Seating
 - k. Other
 6. VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT
 - a. Committee Appointments
 - b. Senate Retreat
 - c. Senate Absences
 - d. Committee Packets
 - e. Summer Contact
 - f. Senate Class
 - g. MontPIRG Reaffirmation
 - h. Office - Carol
 - i. Other
 7. BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT
 - a. Other
 8. COMMITTEE REPORTS
 9. 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://www.umt.edu/asum/government/resolution.htm>
- a. SB67-02/03 Resolution Opposing The Upper-Division Writing Assessment - in committee
 - b. SB 1-03/04 Resolution stating ASUM's requests and concerns for the 5th, 6th and Arthur project
 - c. SB 2-03/04 Resolution to amend Bylaws

10. NEW BUSINESS

- a. SB 3-03/04 Resolution regarding the Provost's Writing Committee

11. COMMENTS

12. ADJOURNMENT

ASUM SENATE TALLY SHEET

SENATE MEMBERS

SOPHIA RENA ALVAREZ

ANDREW BISSELL

TRAVIS COSSITT

LORALEI DENNIS

BRAD ENGBRETSON

KYLE ENGELSON

ANNA GREEN

CHRIS HEALOW

WILL HOLMES

EMILY JONES

STEPHEN KOCHER

ASHLEY OLIVER

KIMBERLY PAPPAS

VINCENT PAVLISH

SAGE RAFFERTY

PATRICK VAN ORDEN

ROB WELSH

DAN WINDMUELLER

CHRISTIAN WINKLE

NATHAN ZIEGLER

ROLL
CALL

Departed

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SB 4

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Comment

May 7, 2003

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ASUM OFFICERS

AARON FLINT

President

GALE PRICE

Vice-President

AVERIEL WOLFF

Business Manager

FACULTY ADVISORS

PROFESSOR ANDERSON

PROFESSOR AUSLAND

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ASUM SENATE MINUTES
May 7, 2003
UC332-333 - 6:00 p.m.

Former ASUM President Swan and Vice-President Schilke congratulated the newly-elected Senate, and Vice-President for Student Affairs Hollmann presided over their swearing-in ceremony.

Chair Price called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m. Present: Flint, Price, Wolff, Alvarez, Bissell, Cossitt, Dennis, Engebretson (6:32), Engelson, Green, Holmes, Jones, Kocher, Oliver, Pappas, Pavlish, Rafferty, Van Orden, Welsh, Windmueller, Winkle and Ziegler. Excused was Healow.

The meeting minutes for April 30, 2003, were approved.

Public Comment

*Dean of Students Couture congratulated the new Senate verbally and with a handshake.

*Dustin Frost explained the reasoning behind SB2 considering the Sports Union Committee make-up and hoped it would be debated in the meeting.

*Women's Center members introduced themselves and told about the various activities they sponsor during the year.

*Loba Ojo of American Humanics congratulated Senate and told about the group's activities.

*ASUM Transportation Director McKiddy invited Senate to a Mountain Line route review in UC329 tomorrow from 11:30-1:30. Transportation's shuttle has served over 71,000 this year, up from last year's 53,000. The Griss Ride has served over 5,500.

President's Report

a. Flint welcomed and congratulated the new Senate.

b. Faculty advisors Chris Anderson and Hayden Ausland were introduced and confirmed for the 2003-04 year on a motion by **Flint-Welsh**.

The Chair recognized the presence of Engebretson

c. ASUM Transportation Director McKiddy explained the 5th, 6th, and Arthur pedestrian and traffic situation. **Flint** proposed moving SB 1-03/04

Resolution stating ASUM's requests and concerns for the 5th, 6th and Arthur project (Exhibit A) from Unfinished Business to be considered under his report. A motion by **Pavlish-Cossitt** to suspend House Rules to consider it passed. After a previous question call by **Welsh** the resolution passed. A motion by **Flint-Engelson** to reinstate House Rules passed.

d. Provost Muir was not in attendance, so Flint discussed his reasoning behind SB5 Resolution opposing the 1 Percent for Quality Administration Tuition Increase.

e. Time was yielded to Cossitt, since he had to leave early and wouldn't be in attendance during Comments. He introduced himself and gave some background information.

f. Flint stressed the importance of Senators attending the Senate retreat to be held in the Fall.

g. The COT student assistant pilot project is moving forward. An appointment will probably be made on Friday.

h. A resolution on the COT hydrogen project will be forthcoming.

i. The plus/minus grading system will be discussed in the Fall.

j. MAS typically meets the Wednesday evening before the Board of Regents meeting on Thursday and Friday. The next MAS meeting will be Wed., May 28, with the BOR meeting following on the 29th and 30th. See Flint if you're interested in attending.

The Chair recognized the presence of Winkle

k. There will be a resolution on stadium seating presented later.

1. Flint discussed the ASUM classified staff and their longevity with ASUM.

Vice President's Report

- a. On a motion by **Price-Welsh** the following slate of committee appointments were approved: Arboretum - Kathryn Hyzy; Incentive Awards - Joe Howard, Ryan Richardson, Chris Fagan (alternate); Cot Affairs - Brad Engebretson, Sean Dennis.
- b. On a motion by **Price-Welsh** the following committee removals were approved: COT - Alex Rosenleaf, Aaron Flint, Dawn Payne.
- c. Any Senator missing the Fall retreat will be unexcused. Possible items for discussion will be: NCBI training, parliamentary procedure, drafting resolutions, team building.
- d. Price expects to be here during the summer. Contact her to help with retreat planning.
- e. After three unexcused Senate absences, disciplinary action may be initiated, which could result in removal from Senate.
- f. Cell phones must be turned off during Senate meetings.
- g. Senators were asked to complete the summer contact sheet and committee preferences, which were distributed with the committee packet.
- h. More information will be forthcoming regarding a Senate class.
- i. MontPIRG was reaffirmed for another two years. A preliminary draft was drawn up to change the reaffirmation procedure. Forward Montana would like the same status. More information will be shared later.
- j. Hayes shared general office information/procedures.
- k. Senators were encouraged to come to Price and Flint with questions.

Business Manager's Report

- a. Wolff will speak about Fiscal Policy information at the retreat.
- b. Information is in Senate boxes about Rock the Vote, a non-partisan, non-profit group that registers voters in Missoula and gets petition signatures. Volunteers are needed.

Committee Reports

- a. ASCRC (Welsh) - The proposal is being made to change the catalog to read "advised" instead of "must" in relation to taking the writing proficiency test. Faculty Senate will consider this next.
- b. ASUM Relations and Affairs (Alvarez) - They consider resolutions pertaining to ASUM.
- c. IT (Frost) - Nothing to report.
- d. COT (Dennis) - A successful ice cream social was held at COT East today. So far only one application has been received the COT student assistant.
- e. Off-Campus Renter Center (Alvarez) - They will meet Friday at 8 a.m. in UC329. There were few attendees at tonight's roundtable, but there was good discussion. Another one will be held at COT's Fall orientation.
- f. SPA (Rafferty) - They've finished up for the year.
- g. Transportation (Engelson) - The Board gives direction to the Director.
- h. UC Board (Jess MacDonald) - They work on procedural guidelines.
- i. University Affairs (Engelson) - They consider University-related resolutions.
- j. Suggestion Box - Somebody will be assigned to check the box.

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://www.umd.edu/asum/government/resolution.htm>
- a. SB67-02/03 Resolution Opposing The Upper-Division Writing Assessment was amended to SB67-02/03 Resolution of Concern: the Upper-Division Writing Proficiency Assessment (Exhibit B) and moved by **Welsh-Flint**. After a previous question call by **Oliver**, the resolution passed.
 - b. A motion by **Flint-Welsh** to suspend House Rules to consider SB2-03/04 Resolution to amend Bylaws (Exhibit C) passed. **Welsh-Jones** moved to approve the resolution, and after a previous question call by **Engelson** it passed. A motion by **Welsh-Engelson** to reinstate House Rules passed.
 - c. A motion by **Flint-Engelson** to suspend House Rules to consider SB5-03/04 Resolution Opposing the 1 percent for Quality Administration Tuition Increase (Exhibit D) passed. **Flint-Alvarez** moved to approve the resolution. A previous question call by **Engelson** failed. A motion by **Welsh-Pavlish** to table SB5 failed 2Y, 18N on a roll call vote (see Tally Sheet). A previous question call by **Holmes** passed, and the resolution passed 16Y, 4N on a roll call vote (see Tally Sheet).
 - d. SB3-03/04 Resolution regarding the Provost's Writing Committee (Exhibit E) was moved by **Engelson-Jones**. After a previous question call by **Pavlish** SB3 passed.
 - f. SB4-03/04 Resolution regarding Student Seating at Washington-Grizzly Stadium (Exhibit F) was moved by **Flint-Kocher**. After previous question calls by **Winkle** (failed), **Engelbretson** (failed) and **Welsh** (passed), SB4 failed 3Y, 14N, 1A (see Tally Sheet). A motion by **Engelson-Welsh** to reinstate House Rules passed.

New Business

- a. Resolution on Griz Fest
- b. Resolution on group web sites
- c. Resolution to amend Bylaws
- d. Resolution on Griss Ride
- e. Resolution on COT Hydrogen Futures Park
- f. Resolution on COT Day Care

Comments

Advisor Ausland presided at the swearing-in of Senators Engelbretson and Winkle, who arrived after the ceremony conducted by Vice-President Hollmann.

The meeting adjourned at 9:59 p.m.

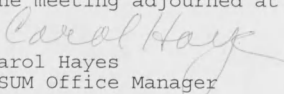

Carol Hayes
ASUM Office Manager

Exhibit A
5B1-03/04

Resolution stating ASUM's requests and concerns for the 5th, 6th, and Arthur project

Whereas the process of public comment for this project will be completed before The University meets again in the Fall of 2003,

Whereas the Associated Students of the University of Montana recognizes the need to have student concerns addressed by the planning committee,

Whereas ASUM requests that their staff member, employed through student fees to represent student interests when students are not available, have representation on the planning committee for this project in order to address the following concerns,

Whereas ASUM would like to see a better pedestrian crossing than the proposed - 8 lane crossing, with no pedestrian refuge, at the 6th and Arthur intersection,

Whereas ASUM would like to see better bike/pedestrian access to the River Front Trail from the south end of the Madison street bridge,

Whereas ASUM would like to see a better bike lane configuration than the one that was proposed,

Whereas ASUM requests good lighting at all crosswalks within the project as proposed,

Whereas ASUM has concern for the unloading of traffic heading west on 5th, especially after large campus events,

Whereas ASUM has concern for traffic heading east to campus on 6th in the mornings,

Therefore let it be resolved that these concerns be submitted into public comment for the project, as shown at the public meeting on April 30, 2003, and that ASUM will request that its staff representative be allowed to have representation on the 5th 6th and Arthur project planning committee.

Authorized by

ASUM Transportation Board

Passed
5/7/03

Exhibit B
5B67-02/03
(as amended)

Resolution of Concern: the Upper-Division Writing Proficiency Assessment

Whereas, since the inception of the Upper-Division Writing Proficiency Assessment (UDWPA) there has been a considerable fail rate,

Whereas, the high failure rate questions the validity of the assessment,

Whereas, the committee that oversees the UDWPA does not have adequate student representation,

Whereas, The University of Montana requires students to take the UDWPA, which costs the University over \$30,000 a year to administer and score,

Whereas, there are no exceptions to the rules for non-English speaking students, including the ability to use a dictionary,

Whereas, since the test is set-up to assess a small scope of writing abilities, it is not equitable or reliable in assessing the larger scope of writing skills students are capable of producing,

Whereas, many students passing their Upper-Division Writing Courses have failed the test, indicating a large discrepancy in the scholastics taught and the criteria of the assessment,

Whereas, the other colleges in the Montana University System are meeting the requests of the Board of Regents to assess students' writing abilities through means that are equitable and conducive to learning,

Therefore let it be resolved that the Associated Students of The University of Montana (ASUM) are concerned that the UDWPA does not accurately reflect students' writing abilities.

Authored By: Lisa Thiel and Heather McDaniel

Sponsored By: Jon Swan, ASUM President
Rob Welsh, ASUM Senator

Passed
5/7/03

SB67-02/03 Opposing The Upper-Division Writing Assessment

Whereas, The University of Montana insists that students take an assessment that costs the school over \$30,000 a year to administer and score,

Whereas, the funds used for this assessment could be better spent to work with students who have obvious limitations in their writing abilities,

Whereas, the instructors are untrained to assess the students' work prior to taking the test, thus giving the students no direction,

Whereas, many instructors are unaware of the criteria used to assess the test,

Whereas, there are no exceptions to the rules for non-English speaking students, including the ability to use a dictionary,

Whereas, since the test is set-up to assess a small scope of writing abilities, it is not equitable or reliable in assessing the larger scope of writing skills students are capable of producing,

Whereas, the high failure rate questions the validity of the assessment,

Whereas, many students passing their Upper-Division Writing Courses have failed the test; indicating a large discrepancy in the scholastics taught and the criteria of the assessment,

Whereas, the usual tools available to writers in producing high-quality papers are not available, such as, time to reflect written work, input from peers, editing, and utilizing academic resources,

Whereas, the test is mandated to be taken in a handwritten form without the use of modern technology that is extensively used by all students,

Whereas, there has been no outside, impartial entity brought on campus to assess the effectiveness of the test,

Whereas, the other colleges in the Montana University System are meeting the requests of the Board of Regents to assess students' writing abilities through means that are equitable and conducive to learning,

Therefore let it be resolved, that the Associated Students of The University of Montana request that the effectiveness of the Upper-Division Writing Proficiency Assessment be empirically evaluated from an unbiased, outside source,

Therefore let it be further resolved, that based on findings of the evaluation, the Associated Students of The University of Montana requests the procedure of the assessment be modified or abolished,

Therefore let it be further resolved, that the Associated Students of The University of Montana are concerned that the assessment does not accurately reflect students' writing abilities.

Authored by: Lisa Thiel and Heather McDaniel

Sponsored by: Jon Swan, ASUM President

Original Submission amended on res 02

Exhibit C
SB2-03/04

Resolution to amend bylaws

Whereas, the Sports Organization Union Executive Board is comprised of only eight members chosen to represent over 20 groups.

Whereas, these eight members get to decide how much money in the Sports Organization Union's budget is allocated to all of the teams.

Whereas, this year's Executive Board supports a change in the setup of their board to allow all teams to participate in budgeting decisions.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Associated Students of the University of Montana amend Article IV, section 18 of ASUM bylaws to read:

Section 18. Sports Organization Union:

A. The Sports Organization Union shall be composed of one member from every ASUM recognized sports group. ~~Eight members shall be elected to the Sports Organization Union Executive Board from the Union.~~ Four members of the eight shall be elected as President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary.

B. The Sports Organization Executive Board shall be composed of: ~~11 members:~~

1. Three (3) members shall be members of the ASUM Senate, appointed by the ASUM President and subject to a 2/3-majority approval of the Senate. A chair will be appointed from among these members.

2. ~~Eight (8) members shall be elected from the membership of the Union.~~ Each sports group shall be allowed one voting representative to sit on the Sports Organization Union Executive Board.

3. The ASUM Business Manager and the Campus Recreation director shall be ex-officio members of the committee.

C. The Board shall oversee the operation of the Sports Organization Union. The Board shall apply to the ASUM Senate directly for funding. Each member organization shall be responsible for maintaining direct contact with the Board regarding activities, coaching, fund-raising efforts and safety, as well as submitting line item requests for preliminary approval and assessment by the Board.

Authored by: Dustin Frost
Sponsored by: Gale Price
ASUM Vice President

Passed
5/7/03

Exhibit D
SBS-03/04

Resolution Opposing the 1 Percent for Quality Administration Tuition Increase

Whereas, due to a lack of state funded support for the Montana University System, the University of Montana Administration is forced to increase tuition by 7.5% for FY 2004 and 2005,

Whereas, the Administration is proposing a 1% for Quality Education Tuition Increase on top of the 7.5% tuition increases,

Whereas, the cost of education is affecting students' ability to pay for college, and for some is pricing them out of an education,

Whereas, the affordability of an education is an important part of the "quality" of education,

Therefore let it be resolved that the Associated Students of the University of Montana are opposed to the Administration's proposed 1% Increase in Tuition for Academic Quality.

Authored by:
Aaron Flint, ASUM President
Averiel Wolff, ASUM Business Manager

Passed
5/7/03
164 4N
Roll call vote

Exhibit E
5B3-03/04

Resolution Regarding the Provost's Writing Committee

Whereas, the Provost's Writing Committee oversees the Upper Division Writing Proficiency Assessment (UDWPA),

Whereas, there has been considerable uproar by students and faculty in regards to the UDWPA,

Whereas, it is important that students have equal access to input regarding the UDWPA,

Whereas, the current policy of only allowing one student who has passed the UDWPA to sit on the Provost's Writing Committee is a gross injustice to student voice,

Whereas, it is important that students have input in regards to the academic direction of The University of Montana,

Therefore Let It Be Resolved: The Associated Students of The University of Montana (ASUM) strongly encourage an increase in the student presence on the Provost's Writing Committee to allow for five (5) students appointed by ASUM to be voting members with all rights and privileges.

Authored By: Rob Welsh, ASUM Senator

Passed
5/1/03

Exhibit F
SB4-03/04

Resolution Regarding Student Seating at Washington-Grizzly Stadium

Whereas, The University of Montana athletic fee is one of the lowest athletic fees in the country, particularly in Division I-AA,

Whereas, the University of Montana's Athletic Department operates using less general fund revenues than most Division I-AA schools,

Whereas, the UM Athletic Department uses nearly two million dollars less in general fund revenues than Montana State University's athletic department,

Whereas, Washington-Grizzly Stadium is currently under construction to expand seating by roughly 4,000 seats,

Whereas, the UM Athletic Department is offering 636 new seats for students in section 115 for a \$2.50 per semester increase in the athletic fee,

Whereas, if the ASUM Senate does not support this offer, the University of Montana Administration said they will begin to sell the seats that have been reserved for students,

Whereas, the decision made by the current ASUM Senate will impact the outcome of student seating at Grizzly football games for the next 10 years,

Whereas, nearly 45 percent of UM students supported an increase in the fee for seating during a recent referendum,

Whereas, the initial offer from the athletic department proposed a \$9.50 increase in the athletic fee, but negotiations led by former ASUM Senator Dustin Frost brought the fee increase down to \$5.00 per year,

Whereas, this is the best offer students will get from UM Administration for the full amount of student seats at Washington-Grizzly Stadium for the next 10 years,

Therefore let it be resolved that the Associated Students of the University of Montana support a \$2.50 per semester increase in the athletic fee to provide 636 more seats for students at Washington-Grizzly Stadium.

Authored by: Aaron Flint, ASUM President

Failed
5/7/03
34 14N 1A
on a roll call vote