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

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**
2. **ROLL CALL**
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - November 10 and November 15, 2010
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
5. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**
 - a. Mountainside Chats:
 1. Teresa Branch, Vice President for Student Affairs
 2. Sharon O'Hare, Executive Director of the Office for Student Success
 - b. Other
6. **VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**
 - a. Committee Appointments/Removals
 - b. KBGA
 - c. Other
7. **BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT** - none

SPECIAL ALLOCATION - \$16,871.26
STIP - \$127,679.74
TRAVEL SPECIAL ALLOCATION - \$11,539.63
ZERO-BASE CARRYOVER - \$184,679.92

 - a. Other
8. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
9. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** - none
10. **NEW BUSINESS**
11. **COMMENTS**

12. ADJOURNMENT

ASUM SENATE MINUTES
Wednesday, December 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, Cochran, DeSoto, Gursky, Gustin, Hoggatt (6:02), James, Klapmeier, Mackey, Mariani, Rhea, Sanders, Sims, Spika, Suzuki, Wren and Yerger.

The minutes from the November 10 and November 15, 2010 meetings were approved.

Public Comment

- o Bridger Bukantis shared that MontPIRG is wrapping up some of its campaigns, including the Higher Education Rally. They have two new staff members and invite senators to suggest campaigns they would like to see MontPIRG take up.

The chair recognized the presence of Senator Hoggatt.

- o Josh Peters-McBride, Program Coordinator for University Center (UC) Student Involvement, mentioned upcoming UC events, including the Holiday Art Fair taking place in the Atrium, December 2 - 4; Noah Massey UC Gallery Opening, December 2, from 5 - 7 p.m.; Swing Away Your Blues dance lessons and live performance by Zeppo MT, December 4, starting at 7 p.m. in the UC Ballroom; Prose and Poems in the UC Gallery, December 7, 7 - 9 p.m.; a Nooner featuring a Music Department Jazz Performance, December 8, at noon in the Atrium; and Mental Munchies - treats for studiers in the UC - December 13 - 15, at 9 p.m.
- o Jeff Edmunds shared that he is no longer affiliated with, or supportive of, MontPIRG and wished the Senate a good break.
- o Brad Dusenberry stated that he is stepping down from MontPIRG as well and is available to answer questions about MontPIRG.
- o Zach Rogala introduced the Senate to the mission and website of the Montana Environmental Students Alliance, a coalition of individuals from across Montana working on sustainability and environmental issues and concerns.

President's Report

a. Mountainside Chats:

1. Teresa Branch, Vice President for Student Affairs (SA), spoke about her role as one of the five vice presidents who report to the President of The University. SA is the administrative branch most concerned with student life outside the classroom. The primary objective of SA is student success and this is achieved in a number of ways: increasing visibility and the availability of student services, improving services for non-traditional and underrepresented student populations, and advocating for diversity across campus. The eleven departments within SA address three different functions; enrollment services, campus life and student assistance/targeted services.
2. Sharon O'Hare is the Executive Director of the Office for Student Success (OSS), a year-old program that is part of Academic Affairs. There are several programs within OSS, including the Undergraduate Advising Center, The Writing Center, the Math Tutoring Centers, Study Jam and various programs for incoming freshmen. One of the latter programs is the preregistration of incoming freshmen to ensure access to courses needed for their majors.

- b. Senators have been invited to watch the Lady Griz basketball game, December 5, from the President's box. A signup sheet was passed around and those wanting to attend were reminded to R.S.V.P.
- c. President Williams expressed her expectation that senators will volunteer for some tasks she has available to assign during senator office hours.

Vice President's Report

- a. Committee Appointments/Removals - A motion by **Suzuki-Sanders** to approve the removal of Buddy Holcombe from, and the appointment of Skylar Suhrer to, the Sustainability Board was approved unanimously.
- b. Senator Gursky will appear on the KBGA program, ASUM Live, Thursday, December 2.

- c. Montana Women Vote is sponsoring the 5th Annual Women's Policy Leadership Institute, January 28 and 29, in Helena. An informational flyer was passed around for those interested.

Business Manager's Report - none

Committee Reports

- a. Board on Members (Gustin) - a motion by **Williams-Suzuki** to approve the list of student groups recommended by the committee passed unanimously on a motion by **Hanson**.
(Exhibit A)
- b. Transportation (Rhea) - The results of the survey are being compiled and a full analysis will be forthcoming next semester.
- c. Student Political Action (SPA) (Gursky) - SPA was part of the coalition that planned the successful Higher Education Rally held during last week's Board of Regents meeting. The committee is working on compiling profiles of every Montana state representative and senator. As part of a letter writing campaign, each member of the committee will be writing to five state representatives or senators about higher education issues and concerns.

Unfinished Business - none

New Business

- a. Resolution regarding course repeat fee
- b. Resolutions amending Bylaws (2)
- c. Resolution regarding welding fumes exhaust
- d. Resolution regarding MontPIRG fee collection
- e. Resolution regarding campus health
- f. Resolution regarding MontPIRG governance

Comments

The meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Phoebe Hunter
ASUM Office Manager