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Associated Students
The University of Montana

ASUM SENATE AGENDA
Wednesday, December 8, 2010
UC 330/331 - 6 P.M.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - December 1, 2010

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- a. Press conference
- b. Holiday party
- c. 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 - \$133,843.74

TRAVEL SPECIAL ALLOCATION - \$11,539.63

ZERO-BASE CARRYOVER - \$184,679.92

- a. Final Budgeting dates
- b. UM Woodsman Team S.T.I.P Request - \$800/\$400
- c. International Student Association Special Allocation Request - \$500/\$500
- d. Other

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. SB7-10/11 - Resolution Regarding MontPIRG Governance
- b. SB8-10/11 - Resolution Regarding MontPIRG Fee Collection

10. NEW BUSINESS

11. COMMENTS

12. ADJOURNMENT

ASUM SENATE MINUTES
Wednesday, December 8, 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 (6:05), Cochran, DeSoto, Gursky, Gustin, Hoggatt, James, Klapmeier, Mackey, Mariani, Rhea, Sanders, Sims, Spika, Suzuki, Wren and Yerger.

The minutes from the December 1, 2010 meetings were approved.

Public Comment

- o Anna Kendall, President of the UM Equestrian Team, explained the group's need for a Union Emergency Travel Allocation for a January 29 - 30, 2011 show in Utah.
- o Alex Duncan of Emmaus Campus Ministries spoke on behalf of the group's S.T.I.P request.
- o Alina Calianu and Margarita Dorzhiyeva of the International Student Association provided background information relating to the group's Special Allocation Request.
- o Jake Armstrong, former ASUM Business Manager, spoke in support of fee restructuring for MontPIRG, pointing out to do so is neither pro nor anti MontPIRG.
- o Bridger Bukantis spoke on behalf of keeping the fee structure for MontPIRG as it is and mentioned that it is not difficult for students to get a refund and there have been few complaints from students who have requested refunds.
- o Doug Coffin, speaking as a member of an organizing committee that advocates for higher education, spoke in support of MontPIRG as an organization that advocates for and supports higher education.
- o Neil Bennett, former board chair of MontPIRG, handed out MontPIRG information packets (Exhibit A) and stressed that it is important for ASUM and MontPIRG to work together during the upcoming legislative session.
- o Shelbi Dantic, interim board chair of MontPIRG, thanked Senator Gursky for representing ASUM on the MontPIRG board over the past semester. MontPIRG agrees with and supports SB7-10/11 as it encourages a relationship with ASUM.
- o Steven Mumblo, current MontPIRG intern, reminded the Senate that MontPIRG is not a partisan group and

represents students as citizens in the real world. The MontPIRG fee was approved by a student vote and helps MontPIRG represent students as citizens. The fee structure has only been in place for one semester and more time is needed to correct mistakes.

- o Matt Leo, former ASUM Lobbyist and MontPIRG member, said that MontPIRG and ASUM need each other and that there has been a cooperative relationship between the two organizations for several years. For MontPIRG to remain effective, however, it needs to remain an independent private non-profit advocacy organization. A motion by **Sims-Gursky** to give Matt Leo an additional two minutes speaking time was approved by a voice vote. He continued to explain that MontPIRG is able to do things that organizations which are part of a public institution can't.
- o Jeffrey Edmunds has been a huge supporter of MontPIRG in the past but feels he can no longer support the organization given the current situation. MontPIRG has the capacity to represent students and it should always be a priority to involve students in all aspects of the issues that concern them.
- o Brad Dusenberry has written a summary of his MontPIRG experience and encouraged senators to read it.

President's Report

- a. A press conference addressing the need for investing in College of Technology (COT) infrastructure will be held in the COT Commons at 12:30 p.m. December 13. Senator Mackey agreed to prepare the press release.
- b. Senator Amatuzio provided an update on the Senate holiday party December 10, starting at 6:30 p.m. President Engstrom is donating use of the Washington-Grizzly Stadium Canyon Club for the occasion.
- c. President Williams requested that any senators considering resignation from the Senate do so now, rather than once spring semester has begun.

Vice President's Report

- a. Committee Appointments/Removals - A motion by **James-Sims** to approve the following appointments and removals passed on a voice vote: MontPIRG removal - Senator Jen Gursky, MontPIRG appointment - Senator Luke Sims; Student Political Action (SPA) removal - Senator Jen Gursky, SPA appointment - Jeff Edmunds, Student-At-Large.

- b. Senator Suzuki will appear on the KBGA program, ASUM Live, Thursday, December 9.

Business Manager's Report

- a. A motion by **James-Amatuzio** to approve the International Student Association Special Allocation request of \$500.00, and recommended by the Budget and Finance (B&F) committee for same, was approved unanimously on a motion by **Suzuki**.
- b. Final lobbying will be held from 5 to 10 p.m. the evenings of February 22 - 25, on the third floor of the University Center (UC). Final Budgeting is scheduled to start at 8 a.m. February 26, in the second floor study lounge of the UC.
- c. A motion by **James-Berry** to approve the \$400.00 B&F recommendation for the Woodsman S.T.I.P. request of \$800.00, was approved by voice vote.
- d. A motion by **Cochran-Amatuzio** to approve the Equestrian Team Union Emergency Travel Allocation request of \$3268.00, and recommended by B&F for \$1815.00, was approved unanimously on a motion by **Williams**.
- e. A motion by **Rhea** to approve \$0.00 for the Emmaus Campus Ministries S.T.I.P. request of \$1000.00 was not seconded. A motion by **Carson-Berry** to adjust the B&F recommendation from \$500.00 to \$175.00 failed 11 - 11 on a roll call vote (see Tally Sheet). A motion by **James-Cochran** to adjust the B&F recommendation to \$400.00 was approved by voice vote. A motion by **James-Gursky** to approve \$400.00 for the S.T.I.P. request passed by voice vote.

Committee Reports

- a. Transportation (Rhea) - Senator Rhea attended a public meeting about the 5th/6th/Arthur and Maurice Streets Intersection Safety and Circulation Improvement Project. A first for Missoula, the project will include bike boxes, a design element that provides greater safety for bicyclists wanting to turn left.
- b. Relations and Affairs (Suzuki) - The committee unanimously agreed on do-pass recommendations for SB7-10/11 and SB8-10/11.
- c. Student Political Action (Gursky) - Senator Gursky asked senators to email their liaison student groups to ask if members would be willing to send form letters in support

of higher education or be involved in citizen lobbying. She also needs statistical information for lobbying purposes and asked that senators also find out from their liaison groups how many members are in-state students.

- d. University Web (Cochran) - Senator Cochran encouraged senators to respond to an email requesting feedback on The University's home webpage.
- e. University Council (Williams) - The Council met earlier in the day and will continue to meet every two weeks. A recurring agenda item is University 101. A different topic is discussed at each meeting under the University 101 umbrella and the featured topic for today's meeting was budgeting. Senators are to let President Williams know if they would like more information.
- f. Academic Strategic Plan (Stovall) - The kickoff for the new Plan (Exhibit B) will be the beginning of spring semester.

Unfinished Business

- a. SB7-10/11 - A motion by **Hoggatt-Mackey** to approve SB7, a Resolution Regarding MontPIRG Governance, passed unanimously on a motion by **James** (Exhibit C).
- b. SB8-10/11 - Resolution Regarding MontPIRG Fee Collection - **Hanson-Sims** moved to add lines 27 - 30 (Exhibit D). A previous question call by **Cochran** passed 16 - 5 on a roll call vote (see Tally Sheet) following objection by **Suzuki**. The amendment was approved by voice vote. The resolution, as amended, passed unanimously following a previous question call by **Cochran**.

New Business

- a. Resolution regarding course repeat fee

Comments

The meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Phoebe Hunter
ASUM Office Manager