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ASUM SENATE AGENDA
Wednesday, January 26, 2011
UC 330/331 - 6 P.M.

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**
2. **ROLL CALL**
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - December 8, 2010
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
5. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**
 - a. Welcome back
 - b. Legislative update
 - c. General information and Senate calendar
 - d. Other
6. **VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**
 - a. Committee Appointments/Removals
 - b. KBGA
 - c. Other
7. **BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT** - none

SPECIAL ALLOCATION - \$15,971.26
STIP - \$138,172.44
TRAVEL SPECIAL ALLOCATION - \$11,539.63
ZERO-BASE CARRYOVER - \$183,610.14

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

12. ADJOURNMENT

ASUM SENATE MINUTES
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Chair Stovall called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Present: President Williams; Vice President Stovall, Business Manager Hanson; and Senators Baker, Berry, Carson, Cochran, DeSoto, Gustin, Hoggatt, James, Klapmeier, Mackey, Rhea, Sanders, Sims, Spika, Suzuki, Wren and Yerger. Excused: Senator Mariani; Unexcused: Senator Amatuzio

The minutes from the December 8, 2010 meeting were approved.

Public Comment

- o Bridger Bukantis provided the update of MontPIRG activities over the break. It is still possible for students to get refunds of the MontPIRG fee. To publicize this, MontPIRG will put posters around campus, table in the University Center and put an ad in the Kaimin. MontPIRG has two legislative interns in Helena. They are lobbying on behalf of affordable education, protection of voting rights, consumer protections and clean energy. Copies of a MontPIRG update and budget were handed out to the Senate (Exhibit A).
- o Law student Josh van Swearingen asked the Senate for help with regard to the new UM debit card issue. There are costs associated with the card that will negatively impact students and the local economy. Undergraduates may need assistance understanding how fees resulting from use of the card will affect their financial aid refund balance.
- o Jeffrey Edmunds, legislative intern with Students Vote UM, thanked senators for juggling school, work and their social life to make the trip to Helena last week to appear before the Appropriations Joint Subcommittee on Education to encourage full funding of higher education.

President's Report

- a. President Williams welcomed the Senate back from break.
- b. Copies of a legislative update prepared by ASUM Lobbyist, Jen Gursky, and others were distributed to senators (Exhibit B). Earlier in the day the Appropriations Joint Subcommittee on Education took initial executive action to cut the Governor's education budget by \$31 million. President Williams encouraged senators to write letters to their local representatives and elected officials.

- c. Senators were given a schedule of annual budgeting events coming up in February. Senators should be working with their respective student groups to assist them with the process and help them succeed with their budget requests.
- d. Elections are coming up and senators are to be thinking about what they want to be doing in three months.

Vice President's Report

- a. Committee Appointments/Removals - A motion by **Cochran-Suzuki** to approve the slate of removals passed unanimously on a motion by **Sims** (Exhibit C).
- b. Senator Sanders will appear on the KBGA program, ASUM Live, Thursday, January 27.

Business Manager's Report

- a. Annual spring semester budgeting events will begin with mandatory budgeting information sessions January 31 and February 1. Business Manager Hanson recommends student groups attend the optional question and answer session, February 3, as well.

Committee Reports

- a. Academic Standards and Curriculum Review (Williams) - The committee meets Tuesdays at 2 p.m.
- b. University Web (Cochran) - The committee met January 24, and is working on standards for all University websites, including making them all accessible.
- c. Transportation (Rhea) - The committee met over the break. Some additional services have been added, notably the ability to text in order to find the current location of a bus. A resolution regarding the Transportation Fee will be coming up in a couple of weeks.
- d. Student Political Action (Wren) - Members need to respond to a Doodle Poll sent out to establish the best times for the committee to meet.
- e. Child Care (DeSoto) - A Doodle Poll has been sent to members to establish the best options for meeting times.

Unfinished Business - none

New Business

- a. Resolution regarding Course Repeat Fee
- b. Resolution regarding student fees
- c. Resolution regarding ASUM Activity Fee

- d. Resolution regarding Montana Legislature
- e. Resolution regarding Higher One

Comments

The meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

Phoebe Hunter
ASUM Office Manager