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Associated Students
The University of Montana

ASUM SENATE AGENDA

October 8, 2003 - 6:00 p.m.

UC332-333

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - October 1, 2003

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- a. Senate Appointment
- b. Swearing In
- c. Board Meeting
- d. Plus/Minus Grading
- e. Tuition Relief
- f. Childcare
- g. Committees
- h. Parli Pro - Motion to adjourn versus tabling resolutions
- i. November Board of Regents Meeting
- j. Representing ASUM
- k. Other

6. VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- a. Committee Appointments/Removals
- b. Committee Protocol
- c. KBGA Sign-up
- d. Other

7. BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

Special Allocation - \$15,000

Travel Special Allocation - \$19,000

STIP - \$108,506.36

Zero-Base Carryover - \$62,000+ (FY03 amounts not finalized)

- a. Travel Lobbying
- b. 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. SB8-03/04 Resolution in Support of the Student Tuition Relief Fund
- b. SB10-03/04 Resolution to Amend Bylaws Regarding Senator Duties
- c. SB12-03/04 Resolution on the USASUMPATRIOT Act of 2003
- d. SB13-03/04 Resolution on the Freedom of ASUM Act of 2003
- e. SB16-03/04 Resolution in Support of the Independence of The University of Montana

10. NEW BUSINESS

11. COMMENTS

12. ADJOURNMENT

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ASUM SENATE MINUTES
October 8, 2003
UC332-333 - 6:00 p.m.

Chair Flint called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. Present: Flint, Wolff, Alvarez, Bissell, Cossitt, Engebretson, Engelson, Green, Holmes, Jones, Kocher, Oliver, Pappas, Pavlish, Rafferty, Van Orden, Welsh, Windmueller, Winkle and Ziegler. Excused was Price. Unexcused was Healow. Early departures of Engebretson (8:24) and Winkle (7:30) were not excused.

The meeting minutes for October 1, 2003, were approved.

Public Comment

- *Kevin Farmer's bike lock was cut, his bike impounded at Campus Security and a fine imposed for improper hook-up to a handrail. He has sought reimbursement for his lock to no avail. He believes there should be more parking options.
- *Dustin Frost expressed his disappointment over the SB15 vote, which he felt was partisan. He believes ASUM should be protecting students and not professors.
- *ASUM Advisor Professor Anderson spoke on the issue of early adjournment and advised about when it should or shouldn't be done.
- *Chris Laslovich commented on the actions of a Senator who followed Schweitzer during the homecoming parade, saying it was childish and reflected badly upon Senate. He feels all candidates should be shown respect and reminded Senate that they will have to deal with the winning candidate later on.
- *Kyle Brown expressed concerns about +/- grading and the effect on GPAs. He was supportive of HB8 on tuition relief and hoped Senate would vote unanimously. He disagreed about attaching numbers to the bill.
- *SPA Director Singer apologized for having to break the ballot box lock to retrieve registration cards to deliver to the county office. He said SPA amended SB8 after lengthy and good discussion. He asked that Senate work together and be honest about issues.
- *Dean of Students Couture said he needs students to serve on University Court. He asked to be on the agenda next week to report on appeal procedures for students who feel they have received improper treatment by faculty or others.
- *Mark Zarr said he is against +/- grading, feeling it is unfair to change grading criteria for current students.
- *Shauna Hagen expressed disappointment for the failure of SB15 last week, an issue she feels was important. She reiterated Frost's opinion that ASUM should be representing students and not teachers. She feels her class lectures are biased and express personal views of the presenter.

President's Report

- a. The nomination of Eben Reckord to fill the Senate vacancy was approved.
- b. Dean Couture presided at the swearing-in of Reckord, who then took his seat at the Senate table.
- c. As an ex-officio on the Alumni Board, Flint participated in homecoming activities and the Board meeting at Yellow Bay.
- d. Flint noted that he was against +/- grading last year, though Senate passed a resolution 15-4 last year, a turn-around from the vote taken in '99. He will speak but not take a personal stance at Faculty Senate on Thursday. Last year's Kaimin articles on the issue elicited no feedback.
- e. Talk to Flint or Childcare Director Ronck about childcare subsidy.
- f. Flint advised the utilization of the committee process by talking to members.
- g. Flint advised Senators to observe parliamentary procedure by finishing or postponing business before adjourning.

h. Feedback is needed on who is attending the November Board of Regents meeting.

i. Flint asked Senators to remember that their actions may reflect on ASUM even though the activity is unrelated. He apologized to Schweitzer and said that it was not ASUM-sponsored.

Vice President's Report

(Flint presented this report in Price's absence due to illness.)

a. The following slate of committee removals and appointments passed on a motion by **Flint-Welsh**: REMOVALS: International - Safe Rafferty; SPA - Kevin Moran; UC Board - Ernest Hergert. APPOINTMENTS: International - Hannah Golata, Michael Hofmann; Traffic Appeals - Nate Ziegler; University Court - Patrick Van Orden, Michael Williams, Ashley Oliver; Diversity Advisory Council - Sage Rafferty; Graduate Student Affairs - Michael Williams; SPA - Steve Marlenee; ASUM Affairs - Brad Cederburg; Sports Union - Tim Ehlert; COT Affairs - Lisa Redley. Students are needed for Drug and Alcohol Advisory, Campus Sustainability and others. Contact Price.

b. Price has asked that committee chairs give prior notice to committee members about meeting cancellations.

c. Rafferty volunteered to be KBGA's guest senator next Thursday. (Note change in day).

d. Price asked that Senators act professionally in and out of Senate. Her lunch offer still stands.

Business Manager's Report

Special Allocation - \$15,000

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STIP - \$107,906.45

Zero-Base Carryover - \$62,000+ (FY03 amounts not finalized)

a. Travel lobbying was held Tuesday night. There are 25 requests totaling \$33,363.18, with \$6,840 available for distribution. All groups made an appearance. The Board will consider the requests as recommended by Wolff. The fund is available as follows: 40% Fall with 10% set aside for emergencies; 60% spring.

Committee Reports

a. UC Board (Engelson) - No quorum.

b. SPA (Jones) - SB8 as amended was given a "do pass" recommendation.

c. COT (Kocher) - A Griz card reader is being considered for COT West. The Griz Card Center has offered the reader, but funds have to be found for the wiring costs.

d. Housing (Engelbretson) - Presentations about co-op living have been made. Some interested groups: African Students, Lambda Alliance, Powers, Kyi-Yo.

e. Transportation (Green) - Bike racks are being considered for COT. Anyone interested in building new bikes on Saturday is welcome. Anyone who knows someone who might be interested in purchasing inside/outside bus advertising racks should see Green. The tandem bike has arrived.

f. ASUM Affairs (Winkle) - SB12 is in committee. SB13 received a "do pass" recommendation.

g. University Affairs (Holmes) - There was no business, so they didn't meet. The next meeting will be next Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.

h. Board on Membership (Pappas) - The following slate of ASUM Groups were recognized on a motion by **Pappas-Green**: AISES, Beta Alpha Psi, Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship, Graduate Students of the Department of Society and Conservation, International Student Christian Fellowship, Lutheran Student Movement, Powers, Society of American Foresters, Student Chapter of the

Wildlife Society, Student Recreation Association, Women's Center, Woodsmen's Team.

i. IT (Rafferty) - They will meet next week.

Unfinished Business

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- a. SB8-03/04 Resolution in Support of the Student Tuition Relief Fund (Exhibit A) was amended in committee. Pavlish was added as a co-sponsor, with SPA Director Singer as an endorser. A previous question call by **Bissell** failed 8-7. A friendly amendment by **Holmes** to split the bill into two resolutions, the first ending after the first five paragraphs, with the fifth paragraph reading as: "Therefore, let it be resolved, that the Associated Students of The University of Montana urge the Montana Legislature and Governor Martz to devote funds towards targeted tuition assistance and universal tuition relief," was not accepted. The same was moved by **Holmes-Oliver**. After a previous question call by **Bissell** passed, the amendment failed. After a previous question call by **Welsh**, the resolution passed 15Y, 1N, 3A on a roll call vote (see Tally Sheet).
- b. SB10-03/04 Resolution to Amend Bylaws Regarding Senator Duties - in committee
- c. SB12-03/04 Resolution on the USASUMPATRIOT Act of 2003 - in committee
- d. SB13-03/04 Resolution on the Freedom of ASUM Act of 2003 was postponed for a week on a motion by **Engelson/Alvarez** until the author is present.
- e. SB16-03/04 Resolution in Support of the Independence of the University was postponed for a week on a motion by **Welsh-Engelson**.

New Business

- a. Resolution on intellectual diversity
- b. Resolution on wind energy
- c. Resolution on childcare subsidy
- d. Resolution to amend Bylaws
- e. Resolution renaming BiSip to Flint's BiSip

Comments

The meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

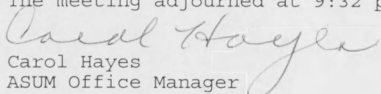

Carol Hayes
ASUM Office Manager

Exhibit A

SB8-03/04

Resolution in Support of the Student Tuition Relief Fund

Whereas, funding for the Montana University System (MUS) from the previous legislative session was inadequate,

Whereas, this funding shortfall forced a nearly a nine percent tuition increase at The University of Montana in FY 2004,

Whereas, Montana legislators have been considering a possible special session of the legislature,

Whereas, a share of the funding in a special session of the legislature must work to address previous shortfalls in higher education funding,

Whereas, the average student debt load upon graduation is roughly \$21,000,

Whereas, the increased debt load forces Montana students to search for jobs elsewhere and leave the state,

Therefore let it be resolved that the Associated Students of The University of Montana stand in support of devoting funds from a special session towards a Tuition Relief Fund for both in-state and out of state students. Furthermore, if students wish to waive this tuition relief, we encourage the Board of Regents to mandate that these funds go toward student employee wage increases.

Whereas, resident students in the MUS pay among the highest tuition rates and receive little financial aid compared to resident students of peer institutions,

Therefore, let it be resolved, that the Associated Students of The University of Montana urge the Montana Legislature and Governor Martz to devote funds towards tuition relief,

Let it be further resolved, that the Associated Students of The University of Montana recommend to the Board of Regents that the appropriations from the Montana Legislature to the MUS should be allocated as follows:

A) 70% should go to a universal resident Tuition Relief Fund,

B) 30% should go to targeted tuition assistance in the form of increased financial aid,

Let it be further resolved, that upon passage through the ASUM Senate, the ASUM President and the Student Political Action Director will take this resolution to the Board of Regents and lobby for MUS support of policies outlined in this resolution.

Authored by: Aaron Flint, ASUM President

Passed 10/08/03
1541 N 3A
Roll call vote