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ASUM SENATE AGENDA  
October 29, 2003 - 6:00 p.m.  
UC332-333

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - October 15, 2003, and October 22, 2003
4. PUBLIC COMMENT
5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT
  - a. Student Affairs Vice President Teresa Branch
  - b. Bi-Weekly Pay for Student Employees
  - c. Mark Zarr- Bi-Weekly Pay Petition
  - d. Breakfast Meetings with Administrators - Tuesday, November 4 or Tuesday, December 2
  - e. Governor's Office- Tuition Relief
  - f. COT/Griz Card Reader
  - g. Other
6. VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT
  - a. Committee Removals
  - b. Committee Appointments
  - c. KBGA Sign-up
  - d. Absence
  - e. COT Child Care
  - f. Housekeeping
  - g. Other
7. BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT
  - Special Allocation - \$13,000
  - Travel Special Allocation - \$12,160
  - STIP - \$106,895.36
  - Zero-Base Carryover - \$62,000+ (FY03 amounts not finalized) less \$478
  - a. COT Liaison STIP request for printer - \$243.45/\$243.45
  - b. UM Women's Hockey STIP request for equipment - \$5924.94/\$5502.08
  - c. UM Big Sky Taekwondo Travel Special Allocation request - \$1288.50/\$662.50
  - d. Meeting with Student Affairs Vice President Branch
  - e. Coca Cola Marketing Committee
  - f. 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. SB13-03/04 Resolution on the Freedom of ASUM Act of 2003
- b. SB17-03/04 Resolution to Revise By-Laws in Regards to Senatorial Duties
- c. SB18-03/04 Resolution to Amend By-Laws to Create ASUM Childcare Oversight Committee
- d. SB19-03/04 Resolution Recommending Consistent Use of the +/- Grading System
- e. SB20-03/04 Resolution on the Establishment of a Requirement for the Associated Students of The University of Montana (ASUM) Senate Meetings to be held at the College of Technology
- f. SB21-03/04 Resolution to Amend the ASUM Bylaws
- g. SB22-03/04 Resolution supporting changes to Board of Regents Policy 940.24

10. NEW BUSINESS

11. COMMENTS

12. ADJOURNMENT



ASUM SENATE MINUTES  
October 29, 2003  
UC332-333 - 6:00 p.m.

Chair Flint (acting until Price's arrival) called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. Present: Flint, Price (6:40), Wolff, Alvarez, Bissell (6:35), Cossitt, Engebretson, Engelson, Green (6:10), Healow, Holmes, Jones, Kocher, Oliver, Pappas, Pavlish, Rafferty, Reckord, Welsh, Windmueller, Winkle and Ziegler. Unexcused was Van Orden.

The meeting minutes for October 15, 2003, and October 22, 2003, were approved.

**Public Comment**

- \*SPA Director Singer asked for volunteers for making calls to get out the vote.
- \*The Powers group expressed concern about religious intolerance. They also felt they were treated unfairly at the Budget and Finance meeting where they appeared to make a request for funds.
- \*Women's Center representatives reported on recent and future activities. They plan to have child care available at their regular meetings. They are sponsoring two speakers this Friday at 7 p.m. in Turner Hall, and they will be holding an all-day conference Saturday about "Women in the Community."
- \*Seth Romocki of Woodsmen's Team reported on the group's recent trip and their excellent showing in competition.
- \*The Foresters encouraged Senators to attend the Foresters Ball February 6 and 7 and offered free tickets to those who help with construction.
- \*Hockey Club co-chairs spoke about their request for funds.
- \*Supporters of SB22 spoke on the resolution's merits.
- \*Dustin Frost spoke in opposition to SB22.

**President's Report**

- a. Flint introduced Student Affairs Vice-President Branch. She is interested in getting to know student leaders, and she encouraged Senate to take advantage of her open door policy at her location in UH207.
  - b. Sign-up sheets were distributed for November 4 and December 2 breakfasts with administrators at 7:30 a.m. in UC329.
  - c. Dining Services' negotiations for a special arrangement to facilitate biweekly payroll for their employees was unsuccessful.
- Chair Flint recognized the presence of Bissell and Green.
- d. Mark Zarr has created a petition for signatures of students interested in biweekly payroll.
- Chair Flint recognized the presence of Price, who took over as Chair.
- e. ASUM's COT liaison Dawn Payne suggested that Senators hold their COT office hours during the noon hour. Dining Services is paying for the card reader wiring.
  - f. Tuition relief is being discussed with the Governor's office.

**Vice President's Report**

(Price apologized for her late arrival.)

- a. Committee removals were postponed.
- b. The following slate of committee appointments passed on a motion by **Price-Engelson**: ASUM Affairs - Eben Reckord; Pantzer Award - Megan Allen.
- c. Welsh will speak on KBGA's show tomorrow.
- d. Price will be attending a conference next Wednesday through Sunday.
- e. A questionnaire is being prepared to assess COT's child care needs.
- f. Price asked that ASUM's back area be kept neat. She apologized for missing the Committee of Chairs meeting. Chairs were asked to observe open meeting rules and to send out reminder e-mails to ensure quorum. Chairs were asked to give her minutes on a timely basis.

**Business Manager's Report**

**Special Allocation** - \$13,000

**Travel Special Allocation** - \$12,160

**STIP** - \$106,895.36

**Zero-Base Carryover** - \$62,000+ (FY03 amounts not finalized) less \$478

Chair Price recognized the presence of Ziegler

- a. COT STIP request for \$243.45 and recommended for same passed.
- b. Women's Hockey STIP request for \$5,924.94 was recommended for \$5,502.08. **Pavlish-Welsh** moved to remove clothing items from consideration as per historical precedence and amend the amount to \$4,877.33. After previous question calls by **Welsh** (failed) and **Pavlish**, the motion to amend passed. The request as amended passed after a previous question call by **Jones**.
- c. A motion by **Wolff-Welsh** to postpone UM Big Sky Taekwondo's Special Allocation travel request for one week until the recognition form is submitted passed.
- d. A motion by **Healow-Oliver** to consider SB13 at the end of the Business Manager's Report passed.
- e. Flint already summarized the meeting with Vice-President Branch.
- f. The Coca Cola Marketing Committee agreed to spend \$1,500 on campus activities advertising on the outside of the U-DASH bus.
- g. Powers' STIP request for a computer was postponed, as additional information is needed. Wolff apologized for any misunderstanding that resulted in negative feelings.
- h. SB13-03/04 Resolution on the Freedom of ASUM Act of 2003 (Exhibit A) received a "do pass" recommendation. Friendly amendments by **Welsh** and **Price** to clean up minor capitalizations, etc. were accepted. After a previous question call by **Alvarez**, the resolution passed.
- i. A request of \$1,656 to enable SB13 was amended to \$1,564 (because one less advertisement was needed) on a motion by **Pavlish-Wolff**. After a previous question call by **Jones**, the amended request passed. 2B

#### Committee Reports

- a. ASUM Affairs (Winkle) - SB18 was tabled. SB13, 17, 20 and 21 were given "do pass" recommendations.
- b. IT (Rafferty) - Discussing on-line elections and wireless access.
- c. Board on Membership (Pappas) - The following slate of groups were given ASUM recognition on a motion by **Pappas-Welsh**: ACLU, Advertising Club, Alpine Ski team, American Fisheries Society, American Humanics Student Association, Camas, Campus Crusade for Christ, Catholics United for the Faith, Composers Club, Environmental Law Club, Fencing Team, Forestry Students Association, IFC, Graduate Student Association, Malaysian Student Association, Panhellenic Council, Pi Sigma Alpha, Rodeo Team, Roleplayers Club, Russian Club, Society for Creative Anachronism, Students Tutoring Students, Symphonic Wind Ensemble, UM Equestrian Team, UM Hangliding and Paragliding Club, UM Jazz Band, UM Jesters Rugby, UM Opera Theatre, UM Triathlon Club, Wesley Foundation, Women's Law Caucus, Yoga Club.
- d. COT (Price) - Meeting Friday at 12:45 p.m. in the COT 2<sup>nd</sup> floor library.
- e. Housing (Engebretson) - No meeting.
- f. Pub Board (Welsh) - No meeting.
- g. SPA (Jones) - They discussed 940.24 policy. Singer was thanked for his work on the forums. Senators were encouraged to help with phonebanking. Housing Board has been invited again to Monday's 4 p.m. meeting.
- h. Transportation (Green) - They met with Ken Willett about various issues. Next week's meeting will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday in UC215.
- i. UC Board (Engelson) - A Bylaw change will be submitted to Senate. They are discussing the master space plan and the current available space.
- j. University Affairs (Holmes) - "Do pass" recommendations for SB19, SB22.
- k. Suggestion Box (Alvarez) - There was a suggestion for Senator pay.

#### Unfinished Business

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- a. SB17-03/04 Resolution to Revise Bylaws in regards to Senatorial Duties (Exhibit B). (The gavel was passed to Flint for consideration of this resolution.) A friendly amendment by **Jones** to make various grammatical and other changes was accepted. A friendly amendment by **Kocher** to strike paragraph 24 was not accepted. A 90-second time limit was put on individual speaking time. A motion by **Kocher-Jones** to postpone SB17 indefinitely failed. After a previous question call by **Price** passed, SB17 failed 12Y, 9N on a roll call vote, as 2/3 was needed to pass it (see Tally Sheet). (The gavel was passed back to Price.)
- b. SB18-03/04 Resolution to amend Bylaws to Create ASUM Childcare Oversight Committee is in committee.
- c. SB19-03/04 Resolution recommending Consistent Use of the +/- Grading System (Exhibit C). A friendly amendment by **Flint** to insert "Whereas an A+ is currently left out of the system"; "Let It Be Further Resolved that ASUM supports the addition of an A+ to the +/- system which would count

for 4.33 GPA points"; and "Let It Be Further Resolved that ASUM supports a maximum GPA of 4.0" was not accepted. **Flint-Alvarez** moved the same.

Five-minute recess

A two-minute limit per individual debate was enforced. A previous question call by **Welsh** passed, and the amendment failed 6Y, 10N, 4A on a roll call vote (see Tally Sheet). A friendly amendment by **Flint** asking faculty to state whether or not they are using the +/- grading system was not accepted. A previous question call by **Alvarez** failed. A motion by **Oliver-Cossitt** to postpone further discussion until consideration of SB22 failed. After a previous question call by **Cossitt**, the resolution passed 13Y, 6N, 2A on a roll call vote (see Tally Sheet).

d. A motion by **Cossitt** for immediate consideration of SB22 passed.

e. SB22-03/04 Resolution supporting changes to Board of Regents Policy 940.24 (Exhibit D). Friendly amendments by **Flint** to delete the "Therefore Let It Be Resolved" paragraph and insert a final paragraph "And Let It Be Further Resolved that ASUM has not endorsed any of the specific proposals previously submitted to the Board of Regents" were not accepted. **Flint-Engelson** moved same. After a previous question call by **Bissell**, the motion passed. A friendly amendment by **Engebretson** to insert "completely" in the 16<sup>th</sup> paragraph was accepted. A motion by **Jones-Holmes** to recommit failed after a previous question call by **Pavlish**. After a previous question call by **Ziegler**, the resolution as amended passed 13Y, 7N, 1A on a roll call vote (see Tally Sheet).

f. SB20 - 03/04 Resolution on the establishment of a requirement for Senate Meetings to be held at the College of Technology (Exhibit E) passed on a motion by **Alvarez-Flint** after a previous question call by **Jones**.

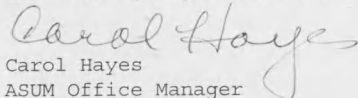
g. SB21-03/04 Resolution to amend the ASUM Bylaws (Exhibit F) passed on a motion by **Jones-Engebretson** after a previous question call by **Jones**.

New Business

- a. Resolution to adopt A+ grading
- b. Resolution to amend Fiscal Policy (2)
- c. Resolution to amend Bylaws (3)
- d. Resolution on +/- referendum
- e. Resolution on bi-weekly pay for students
- f. Resolution on MAS and tribal colleges
- g. Resolution on 940.24
- h. Resolution on academic freedom
- i. Resolution on student exchange

Comments

The meeting adjourned at 12:18 a.m.

  
Carol Hayes  
ASUM Office Manager



Focus on Resources to Educate and Evolve Decisions with Opinions of the Mass of Associated Students of The University of Montana Act of 2003

(To be known as the FREEDOM of ASUM Act of 2003 hereto afterwards)

**Whereas**, Senators and Executives of the Associated Students of The University of Montana (ASUM), are elected to represent and promote the interests of students,

**Whereas**, nearly 13,000 students attend The University of Montana,

**Whereas**, only twenty (20) Senators and three (3) Executives represent the student body,

**Whereas**, it is in the interest of ASUM to have as many students involved as possible in ASUM affairs,

**Whereas**, students cannot participate in activities of which they are unaware,

**Whereas**, the only way to access ASUM meeting agendas and issues is through a KBGA announcement, noticing a modest bulletin board, visiting the ASUM office, reading the Montana Kaimin or checking the ASUM website,

**Whereas**, the Montana Kaimin is an effective way of informing students of current ASUM affairs,

**Whereas**, the Senate affirms the failure of the current Montana Kaimin to keep students informed, and recognizes that ASUM must pay to keep campus issues on the pages of the Montana Kaimin,

**Whereas**, an advertisement of ASUM issues, created and formatted by the ASUM Relations and Affairs Committee and purchased by ASUM to be publicized in the Montana Kaimin, would increase student awareness,

**Whereas**, according to current advertisement cost estimates, it would be necessary for the ASUM Senate to appropriate 1,564.00 dollars for the 2003-2004 year,

**Whereas**, the ASUM Relations and Affairs Committees shall be tasked with the duty of evaluating the ASUM advertisement, as to its effectiveness, in the fall semester of 2004,

**Whereas**, upon the end of the evaluation, the ASUM Relations and Affairs Committee shall submit a report to the ASUM Senate, which shall contain the ASUM Relations and Affairs committee's recommendation for continuance or termination,

**Therefore Let It Be Resolved** that the Associated Students of The University of Montana (ASUM) fund a weekly advertisement of business in the Montana Kaimin.

Authored By: Senator Chris Healow and Senator Rob Welsh

Endorsed By: Senator Christian Winkle

Passed  
10/29/03

**Resolution to Revise By-Laws in Regards to Senatorial Duties**

**Whereas**, as Senators of the Associated Students of The University of Montana (ASUM) we recognize the important need to represent students with accuracy and alacrity,

**Whereas**, as Senators of ASUM, we are required to hold one (1) office hour a week at The University of Montana mountain campus, in accordance with Article III, Section 2, Sub-point F of the ASUM By-Laws,

**Whereas**, after the passage of Senate Bill 10-03/04 entitled "Resolution to Amend Bylaws Regarding Senator Duties," at least one Senator of ASUM is not required to hold one (1) office hour each week at the east campus of the College of Technology (See Article III, Section 2, Sub-point F of the ASUM By-Laws),

**Whereas**, after the passage of Senate Bill 10-03/04, the requirement of Senators of ASUM to serve one office hour a month at either the east or west campus of the College of Technology in accordance with Article III, Section 2, Sub-point F of the ASUM By-Laws, was introduced as a necessity,

**Whereas**, this declaration has raised serious questions as to the effectiveness of imbedding Senatorial representation requirements into the ASUM By-Laws,

**Whereas**, this declaration has raised serious questions as to the end-goal of representation of the College of Technology by the Senate of ASUM,

**Whereas**, this declaration has raised serious questions as to the need for Senatorial representation requirements to be revised in accord with current trends,

**Whereas**, as Senators of ASUM, we tend to "specialize" on campus issues - establishing committees to suit certain needs, being members of committees whose interests are our interests and so on,

**Whereas**, as Senators of ASUM, we depend on our colleagues and the student body to bring to the Senate floor important issues arising out of the day-to-day operations of The University of Montana,

**Whereas**, as Senators of ASUM, we recognize that we can not be fully aware of every issue on campus; we recognize the importance of our committees, and those who serve, to make the best judgement(s) possible for the Senate of ASUM to consider, question, debate and ultimately vote upon,

**Whereas**, as Senators of ASUM, we recognize that we can not serve on every committee or attend every meeting of campus concerns,

**Whereas**, as Senators of ASUM, we recognize that we can not attend to every issue with specificity without committees and the ability to "specialize,"

**Whereas**, the College of Technology is an important and valuable component of The University of Montana, whose students, staff and faculty require and deserve representation,

**Whereas**, with regard to the current rhetoric of certain Officers and Senators within ASUM, the College of Technology is severely under-represented by the Senate of ASUM,

**Whereas**, lacking within this rhetoric is an obtainable goal, or quantified statement, as to the issue of knowing when the College of Technology is accurately represented by the Senate of ASUM,

**Whereas**, the Senate of ASUM has established a College of Technology Student Liaison Officer to communicate the issues, concerns, questions and comments of College of Technology students to the Senate of ASUM,

**Whereas**, the Student Liaison Officer was established on a temporary basis, but very clearly from the work attested to, demonstrates the need for a permanent position to be established with a possible increase in wage hours,

**Whereas**, the Senate of ASUM operates the College of Technology Affairs committee, made up of four (4) Senators and seven (7) Students-At-Large, a committee of considerable size entrusted with the duty of representation of the College of Technology student's issues, concerns, questions and comments,

**Whereas**, with the passage of Senate Bill 10-03/04, Senators of ASUM are now required to serve one office hour a month at the College of Technology,

**Whereas**, this requirement asks Senators to "specialize" with issues related to the College of Technology with only one hour a month devoted to the task,

**Whereas**, this clearly erodes the importance of the College of Technology Student Liaison Officer and the College of Technology Affairs committee, two entities specifically entrusted with the duty to "specialize" on issues of importance to the College of Technology, two entities which allot more than one hour a month to the task,

**Whereas**, there is a clear need to clarify how Senators shall represent the students of The University of Montana,

**Whereas**, it is generally recognized that the one (1) office hour a week we are required to serve is important and valuable,

**Whereas**, as Senators of ASUM, we should have the right to decide where our one (1) office hour a week is held; ~~rather it be~~ at the mountain campus, or the east or west campuses of the College of Technology,

**Whereas**, this flexibility allows students greater opportunity to explore issues at the mountain campus or the College of Technology; ~~giving~~ Senators the significant ability to choose the areas in which they wish to "specialize" or in a broader sense, gain more detailed information about issues, concerns, questions and comments on campus,

**Whereas**, according to the ASUM By-Laws, Article IV, Section 2, Sub-point D, "The ASUM Relations and Affairs Committee shall enforce and oversee the execution of Article III...Section 2F of the ASUM Bylaws,"

**Whereas**, the Vice President should be charged with the task of organizing, enforcing and publicizing Senator office hours, as the present situation dictates,

**Whereas**, in order to address the issues that have been raised in this resolution and outside of it,

**Therefore Let It Be Resolved** that the Associated Students of The University of Montana support the By-Law changes as follows to Article III, Section 2, Sub-point F and the various sub-points under (F):

### ARTICLE III - QUALIFICATIONS AND DUTIES OF SENATORS

#### Section 1. Qualifications of Senators

A. All senators must meet qualifications as defined in Article 7, Section 1 of the Constitution.

B. All Senators must be ASUM members for the duration of their terms of office.

#### Section 2. Duties. All senators must carry out their duties as listed in the Constitution and Personnel Policy.A.

All Senators shall serve on at least two boards or committees unless specifically exempted by the Vice President.

B. All Senators shall attend all Senate meetings, for the duration of the meeting, unless excused by the President or the chair.

C. Any presidential appointments made to fill vacant Senate seats shall be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Senate.

D. All ASUM Executives and Senators are required to attend an ASUM seminar to be offered fall semester. The class will be no more than once a week and no longer than two hours per class. If the ASUM class conflicts with a Senator's or Executive's class or work schedule, they will not be required to participate. In addition, Senators and Executives will be required to attend a fall organizational meeting, and an optional spring retreat may also be offered.

E. All ASUM Executives and Senators are required to staff an ASUM table in the UC no less than two hours per semester with the purpose of staying in touch with the student body at the University of Montana to address issues of concern. Failure to do so will result in an unexcused absence.

F. All Senators shall formally be required to hold one office hour each five-day week in the ASUM office on the mountain campus, or on the east campus of the College of Technology or on the west campus of the College of Technology. At least one Senator must serve one office hour at the ASUM office at the east campus of the College of Technology each five-day week. All Senators shall formally be required to hold one office hour each month at either the east or west campus of the College of Technology.

1. This office hour must occur between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

2. This office hour must be posted by 5 p.m. Friday the previous week. The Vice President shall be entrusted with the duty to organize and enforce the office hour requirement of Senators. The Vice President shall also retain the discretionary power as to any manner of publication of Senator office hours.

3. The office hour served at the east or west campus of the College of Technology will not be in place of the mountain campus hour.

4. Failure to do so beyond three missed office hours will result in an unexcused absence.

5. For attendance purposes, Senators are required to sign in on time sheets located at the front desk.

6. The office hours will be started by the Monday before the third Senate meeting and will be held each day that regular classes meet. Office hours will not be required during days when classes are not held or during the week before finals week.

**And Let It Be Further Resolved** that Article IV, Section 2, Sub-points A and D be amended as follows:

#### Section 2. ASUM Relations and Affairs Committee:

A. The ASUM Relations and Affairs Committee shall be composed of eleven (11) members, five (5) of which shall be Senators. An ASUM Senator shall chair ASUM Affairs Relations and Relations Affairs Committee.

B. The ASUM Relations and Affairs Committee shall be responsible for recommending all changes to the ASUM Bylaws and ASUM Personnel Policy.

C. The ASUM Relations and Affairs Committee shall work on unbiased projects, ideas, or campaigns intended to increase student involvement in and student awareness of ASUM government in general or any particular issue(s) pertaining to ASUM.

D. The ASUM Relations and Affairs Committee shall enforce and oversee the execution of Article III, Section 2E and Section 2F of the ASUM Bylaws. Therefore, a motion passed by a two-thirds majority vote in the ASUM Relations and Affairs Committee can and will result in an unexcused absence for an ASUM Senator failing to accord with Article III, Section 2E or Section 2F of the ASUM Bylaws. Such decisions of the ASUM Relations and Affairs Committee may be repealed by a simple majority vote of the ASUM Senate.

E. The ASUM Relations and Affairs Committee shall also oversee the functions of the following ASUM executive agencies, in accordance with ASUM Personnel Policy:

1. ASUM Child Care
  2. UM Productions. The UM Productions Director shall be appointed by the President and approved by the Senate by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote.
  3. ASUM Legal Services - ASUM Relations and Affairs shall act as a board of directors to oversee the Legal Services Director and its program.
  4. ASUM Administration
  5. The Student Resolution Officer shall be appointed by the President and approved by a two-thirds majority vote of the Senate.
- E. Student directors may be removed from office as stipulated by University of Montana policy and ASUM Personnel Policy.

Authored By: Senator Robert J. Welsh

Endorsed By: Senator Will Holmes, Senator Travis Cossitt

*Failed*  
*124911*  
*Roll call vote*  
*(needed 2/3)*

*Exhibit C*

SB19-03/04

**Resolution Recommending Consistent Use of the +/- Grading System**

Whereas, in Spring Semester, 2003, the Associated Students of The University of Montana voted 15-4 in support of SB44-02/03, which advocated the implementation of a +/- grading system at The University of Montana,

Whereas, The University of Montana Faculty Senate voted 22-14 in support of implementing a +/- grading system,

Whereas, University of Montana students have expressed concerns regarding the implementation of a +/- grading system,

Whereas, one of students' major concerns is a potential lack of consistent implementation of the +/- grading system,

Whereas, consistent implementation of the +/- grading system is not required of UM faculty,

Whereas, proponents of the +/- grading system contend the system will motivate students to perform well in their classes,

Whereas, inconsistent execution of the +/- grading system could result in detrimental effects to students' GPAs and performance,

Whereas, these detrimental effects include the inability of students to obtain quality points from professors who do not use the +/- grading system, as well as complacency in student performance in classes taught by professors who do not use the +/- grading system,

Therefore let it be resolved that the Associated Students of The University of Montana strongly encourage all faculty to implement the +/- grading system universally to avoid the potential disparities that would result from inconsistent use of this system.

Authorized By: Senator Emily Jones, Senator Brad Engebretson

*passed*  
*10/29/03*  
*13460, 2A*  
*Roll call vote*

A Resolution Supporting Changes to Board of Regents Policy 940.24

Whereas, United States Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy opined in *Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System, v. Scott Harold Southworth*, "Universities possess significant interests in encouraging students to take advantage of the social, civic, cultural, and religious opportunities available in surrounding communities and throughout the country,"

Whereas, the mission statement of The University of Montana reads, in part, "the University also seeks to educate competent and humane professionals and informed, ethical, and engaged citizens of local and global communities,"

Whereas, the mission statement of the Associated Student of The University of Montana reads, in part, "the Associated Students of The University of Montana shall work diligently toward a more involved student body,"

Whereas, it is consistent with the mission of The University of Montana-Missoula and the Associated Students of The University of Montana to encourage a marketplace of ideas and promote civic involvement,

Whereas, since 1981, the Montana Board of Regents has authorized the Associated Students of The University of Montana to collect and remit a voluntary student fee to fund student directed nonprofit corporations,

Whereas, the Montana Board of Regents policy 940.24 currently limits the collection and remittance of a voluntary fee to the student directed, Montana Public Interest Research Group, Inc.,

Whereas, in December 2002, the Associated Students of the University of Montana voted to support reforms to Board of Regents Policy 940.24,

Whereas, students have expressed dissatisfaction with the current reaffirmation process, including an editorial in the *Montana Kaimin*, written by former *Montana Kaimin* Editor Jessie Childress stating, "The Board of Regents, ASUM and MontPIRG need to change the election laws so that voting doesn't drag on and on. A two-day process dragged out into a week-long agony doesn't help anybody, and it doesn't make any sense,"

Whereas, large student groups becoming student directed non-profit corporations and collecting a voluntary fee would free the funds of the Associated Students of The University of Montana for greater distribution among other student groups and the agencies of the Associated Students of The University of Montana,

Whereas, a contract with the Associated Students of The University of Montana governing the collection and remittance of voluntary fees increases the accountability of student directed non-profit corporations,

**Therefore Let It Be Resolved** that the Associated Students of The University of Montana support the continuation and expansion of the Board of Regents policy permitting the collection and remittance of voluntary fees for student-directed, non-profit organizations;

**And Let It Be Further Resolved** that the Associated Students of The University of Montana support changes to Board of Regents Policy 940.24 that broaden the applicability of the policy to any student-directed non-profit corporation in compliance with said policy;

**And Let It Be Further Resolved** that the Associated Students of The University of Montana support changes to Board of Regents Policy 940.24 that clarify the process by which a student directed non profit corporation demonstrates general and substantial support for the establishment of a voluntary fee;

**And Let It Be Further Resolved** that the Associated Students of The University of Montana support changes to Board of Regents Policy 940.24 that increase the amount of the voluntary fee authorized;

**And Let It Be Further Resolved** that Associated Students of The University of Montana support changes to Board of Regents Policy 940.24 that simplify the process by which a student directed non-profit corporation demonstrates ongoing support for the collection and remittance of a voluntary fee;

**And Let It Be Further Resolved** that the Associated Students of The University of Montana support changes to Board of Regents Policy 940.24 that clarify the costs of collecting the voluntary fee must be borne by the student directed non profit corporation;

**And Let It Be Further Resolved** that the Associated Students of The University of Montana support changes to Board of Regents Policy 940.24 that clarify the rights of ASUM to negotiate a contract with student corporations collecting a voluntary fee that includes the terms of individual agreements with students, the methods of collecting such fees, and the process of termination of such an agreement.

Authorized by: Brad Engebretson  
MontPIRG

*And Let It Be Further Resolved  
that ASUM has not endorsed  
any of the specific proposals  
previously submitted to the  
Board of Regents.*

*Passed  
10/29/03  
1347M 1A  
Roll call  
Vote*



Exhibit E  
SB 20-03/04

Resolution on the Establishment of a Requirement for the Associated Students of The University of Montana (ASUM) Senate Meetings to be held at the College of Technology

**Whereas**, the College of Technology is a not a separate entity, rather a full member of The University of Montana,

**Whereas**, the College of Technology is separated from The University of Montana mountain campus by distance hard to neglect for many students,

**Whereas**, students of the College of Technology find it difficult to make the commute to the mountain campus for Senate meetings on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.,

**Whereas**, with passage of SB28-02/03 "Resolution to Hold Senate Meetings at the COT," students who normally did not receive the opportunity to participate in ASUM Senate meetings were given that ability,

**Whereas**, holding two meetings in the Spring Semester of 2003 was generally regarded as a success,

**Whereas**, holding two meetings per semester at the College of Technology would boost student involvement in ASUM issues,

**Whereas**, holding two meetings per semester at the College of Technology would boost ASUM Senate accountability to College of Technology students,

**Whereas**, flexibility should be given to the ASUM Senate in deciding dates to hold Senate meetings at the College of Technology,

**Whereas**, a By-Law change is necessary to keep the spirit of this resolution alive for future Senates of ASUM,

**Therefore Let It Be Resolved** that the Senate of the Associated Students of The University of Montana amend the By-Laws as follows:

**ARTICLE VI - SUPPLEMENTAL MEETING REQUIREMENT**

**Section 1. College of Technology:** Each year the Senate of ASUM shall be required to hold at

least two (2) meetings in the fall semester and at least two (2) meetings in the spring semester at the College of Technology (COT).

1. The Vice President of ASUM shall retain the right to recommend dates for each meeting.

2. The Senate of ASUM shall retain the right to amend and approve the dates for each meeting with a simple majority vote.

3. The Vice President of ASUM shall retain the right to recommend on which campus, COT west or COT east, to hold a meeting.

4. The Senate of ASUM shall retain the right to amend and approve on which campus, COT west or COT east, to hold a meeting by a simple majority vote.

5. The Vice President shall be responsible for the coordination of meetings after Senate approval.

## **ARTICLE ~~VH~~ VII - DEFINITIONS**

"Accountant" means the ASUM Accountant.

"ASUM" means the Associated Students of The University of Montana.

"Business Manager" means the ASUM Business Manager.

"Bylaws" refers to the ASUM Bylaws.

"Candidate" means a student, recognized by the Elections Committee as seeking an ASUM office.

"Constitution" refers to the ASUM Constitution.

"COT" refers to the College of Technology.

"Fiscal Policy" refers to the ASUM Fiscal policy.

"House Rules" refers to the House Rules of Order

"Member" means any activity fee-paying student at the University of Montana.

"Personnel Policy" means the ASUM Personnel Policy.

"President" means the ASUM President.

"Senate" means the ASUM Senate, including the three ASUM Executives.

"Senator" means an ASUM Senator.

"Student" means anyone currently enrolled at The University of Montana.

"Vice President" means the ASUM Vice President.

"Write-in candidate" means a student actively seeking an ASUM office and unrecognized by the Elections Committee as seeking an ASUM office.

## **ARTICLE ~~VH~~ VIII - APPENDIX**

*Section 1.* These Bylaws shall supersede and make null all previous Bylaws.

*Section 2.* In all cases, the Constitution shall supersede these Bylaws.

*Section 3.* In the event that these Bylaws or any ASUM operation or procedure conflicts with Montana or U.S. law, they shall be deemed null and void. In the event that ASUM policy or procedure does not clearly specify what action should be taken in a given situation, Montana law may be substituted or used as a guide.

*Section 4.* These Bylaws shall go into effect immediately upon their approval by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Senate.

*Section 5.* Bylaws are not suspendable.

*Section 6.* All amendments to the Bylaws require a 2/3 majority vote of the Senate. All amendments to the Bylaws shall receive the prior approval of the ASUM Affairs Committee before being presented to the full Senate.

**And Let It Be Further Resolved** that upon passage of this resolution the Senate of the Associated Students of The University of Montana shall hold at least one (1) meeting before the end of fall semester 2003 at the College of Technology east or west campus.

Authored By:

Senator Robert J. Welsh

*Passed  
10/29/03*

Exhibit 7

SB21-03/04

### **Resolution to Amend the ASUM Bylaws**

**Whereas**, committees must have a sufficient number of members in order to effectively conduct business;

**Whereas**, the Information Technology Committee only has a total of five members, including two senators and three students at large;

**Whereas**, computers have become increasingly common and vital to many parts of an average student's daily life;

**Whereas**, the Information Technology Committee will have more to accomplish and oversee as the computer industry continues to grow;

**Therefore, Let It Be Resolved That** Article IV, Section 14, Subpoint A of the ASUM Bylaws shall be amended to read:

A. The Information Technology Committee shall consist of two Senators and four students at large. The Committee will conduct twice monthly meetings, once per month with the Director of Computing and Information Services (CIS) and his/her designee. At least one of the Committee members shall sit on the Student Computer User Fee Committee. A Senator shall chair the Committee.

Authored by Gale Price, ASUM Vice President

Passed  
10/29/03