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**ASUM SENATE AGENDA**  
**Wednesday, March 23, 2011**  
**UC 330/331 - 6 P.M.**

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

**2. ROLL CALL**

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - March 16, 2011**

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

- a. Jen Gursky, ASUM Lobbyist, Skype report from Helena
- b. Other

**6. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

- a. Committee Appointments/Removals
- b. KBGA
- c. Office hours/Andrea
- d. Other

**7. BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT**

**SPECIAL ALLOCATION - \$14,990.26**

**STIP - \$146,349.74**

**TRAVEL SPECIAL ALLOCATION - \$468.64**

**ZERO-BASE CARRYOVER - \$182,539.18**

- a. Hello from New Orleans
- b. Cumann Gaelach Special Allocation Request - \$75/\$60
- c. Marketing Club Special Allocation Request - \$75/\$60
- d. Women's Resource Center Zero-Base Request - \$32.84
- e. ADSUM Zero-Base Request - \$639.45
- f. ASUM Legal Zero-Base Request - \$798.67
- g. Other

**8. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- a. SB29-10/11 - Resolution Regarding the Montana Kaimin Fee
- b. SB30-10/11 - Resolution Regarding Federal Pell Grants
- c. SB31-10/11 - Resolution Regarding Board of Regents
- d. SB32-10/11 - Resolution Regarding Transportation and the COT  
West Campus

**10. NEW BUSINESS**

**11. COMMENTS**

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

**ASUM SENATE MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, March 23, 2011**  
**UC 330/331 - 6 p.m.**

Chair Stovall called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Present: President Williams, Vice President Stovall; and Senators Amatuzio, Baker, Berry, Carson, Cochran, DeSoto, Edmunds, Gustin, Hoggatt, James, Klapmeier, Mariani, Rhea, Sanders, Sims, Spika, Suzuki, Wren and Yerger. Excused: Business Manager Hanson. Unexcused: Senator Mackey.

**Public Comment**

- o Rob Olson provided the MontPIRG update. The board met last week to review expenditures from last semester. One of the MontPIRG lobbyists is working with Representative Champ Edwards on his bill to keep employers from taking potential employees' credit history into account when hiring. MontPIRG lobbyists continue to testify on many bills. On March 21, and 22, 1150 students signed petitions in favor of the continuation of a MontPIRG chapter at the UM funded by a \$5 per student, per semester refundable fee. If approved by the ASUM Senate, the question would be put to a student vote during the General Election in April.
- o Jinann Bitar, of the University Center (UC) office of Student Involvement, provided the update of upcoming UC events: Open Mic Night is March 24, from 8 p.m. to midnight, in the UC Game Room; The Nooner, March 25, will feature Massey Ferguson; the film "The Kids Are Alright" is being shown as part of the Diversity Film Series, March 30, at 7 p.m. Jinann also announced that she is the new Day of Dialogue (DoD) Coordinator and students and others are encouraged to submit proposals for the DoD online.
- o Lucas Minnick, President of the Japanese Student Association (JSA, explained the dire need reflected in the JSA's Special Allocation Request. The group would like to purchase wrist bands to be sold as a fund raiser for the Japanese Red Cross. Reina Watanabe, one of 65 currently enrolled students from Japan and member of the JSA, spoke about her hometown, Sendai, one of the towns in northeast Japan devastated by the earthquake and tsunami.
- o Slater Heckel, spoke on his own behalf as one of many UM students who rely on Pell Grants to be able to attend

college. The issue is education, not budgeting, and to cut Pell Grants verges on being unethical.

The minutes from the March 16, 2011 meeting were approved.

### **President's Report**

- a. Mountainside Chat:
  1. John Aliri, Member of the Management Team of the Bookstore at the University of Montana and Director of the The Market in the UC, explained how important it is, in the interest of savings students money, for faculty members to place textbook orders by the April 15 deadline. The Bookstore would like ASUM's support with a campaign, "Earn Us More," to increase awareness of the issue. Two aspects of the campaign are a website, [www.MTBookstore/earnusmore](http://www.MTBookstore/earnusmore), and stickers for display.
- b. Jen Gursky, ASUM Lobbyist, provided a legislative update via Skype from Helena. The vote on the bonding bill that would provide \$29 million for a new College of Technology building is scheduled to be voted on March 24, at 11 a.m. Lobbyist Gursky explained that passage is not assured and encouraged senators to make a last minute effort and call or email their legislators prior to the vote. Lobbyist Gursky also testified at the hearing of Joint Resolution 16, a bill sponsored by Senator Facey asking for passenger rail service to be put on a feasibility study list. ASUM resolution SB10-09/10 passed last year and was entered as testimony in support of the resolution. The last Student Lobby Day, March 18, was a great success. Students from across the state met and shared lunch with legislators.
- c. President Williams announced that the evening's Senate meeting would be Senator Amatuzio's last and thanked Senator Amatuzio for her service.

### **Vice President's Report**

- a. Committee Appointments/Removals - There were no committee appointments or removals. Vice President Stovall reminded senators that they need to notify her if they are unable to serve on committees to which they have been assigned.
- b. Senator DeSoto will appear on the KBGA program, ASUM Live, Thursday, March 24.
- c. The ASUM Administrative Associate, Andrea Rhoades, will need a lot of assistance this week processing election

- petitions. All senators not running for office need to help, even if just for an hour.
- d. There will be a mandatory meeting for all Senate candidates March 25, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Contact Lucas Berry, the Elections Committee Chair, if unable to attend this meeting as a second meeting is being scheduled for next week.

#### **Business Manager's Report**

- a. Vice President Stovall announced that Business Manager Hanson is in New Orleans.
- b. A motion by **Suzuki-Sims** to approve the Budget and Finance committee (B&F) Cumann Gaelach Special Allocation Request recommendation of \$60.00 for same passed with unanimous consent on a voice vote.
- c. A motion by **Rhea-Mariani** to increase the B&F Marketing Club Special Allocation Request recommendation of \$60.00 to \$75.00 was approved. A motion by **Sims-Gustin** to approve the allocation recommendation as amended passed unanimously on a voice vote.
- d. A motion by **Rhea-Williams** to approve the three Zero-Base funding requests: ADSUM (\$639.45), the Women's Resource Center (\$32.84) and ASUM Legal (\$798.67), as a slate was approved. A motion by **Suzuki-Sanders** to approve the slate passed with unanimous consent.
- e. A motion by **Williams-Berry** to take up the Japanese Student Association Special Allocation Request for \$419.00 was approved. A voice vote approved **Berry-Suzuki's** motion to fund the requested amount in full. A motion by **Sims-Sanders** to approve the \$419.00 Special Allocation passed on a voice vote.

#### **Committee Reports**

- a. Relations and Affairs (Suzuki) - The committee considered four resolutions: SB29-10/11 passed with no recommendation, SB30-10/11 passed with no recommendation, SB31-10/11 received a do pass recommendation, and SB32-10/11 received a do pass recommendation.
- b. UC Board (Carson) - The board met earlier in the day and discussed a proposal to convert the second floor study lounge into a tech lounge that would better accommodate laptop use. There is one candidate still in contention for the position of UC Director, Liz Roosa Millar. There

will be a "Meet and Greet" with her April 1, at 9 a.m. in UC 331/332/333.

- c. Radio Board (Rhea) - The board met March 22 and selected a new general manager for KBGA, Alanya Cherkas. Studio 2 is scheduled to be renovated.
- d. Transportation (Rhea) - The board met last weekend. A new bus is being purchased this week. The federal government is providing \$250,000 of the funding and ASUM \$130,000.
- e. Elections (Berry) - All petitions were due today at 5 p.m. Only one candidate for Business Manager turned in a petition. There are 45 candidates for senator and three president/vice-president teams. Extra help processing petitions would be greatly appreciated. There is a mandatory meeting for all candidates March 25, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- f. Student Political Action (Edmunds) - Senator Edmunds thanked all who participated in the last Student Lobby Day in Helena, March 18.

#### **Unfinished Business**

- a. SB29-10/11 - Resolution Regarding the Kaimin Fee (Exhibit A) - A motion by **Spika** to amend line 65 to read \$1.00 instead of \$2.00 was accepted as friendly. A motion by **Suzuki-Cochran** to approve the resolution passed on a voice vote.
- b. SB30-10/11 - Resolution Regarding Pell Grants (Exhibit B) - **Berry-Sims** motioned to table the resolution. Previous question was called by **Suzuki-Amatuzio** and approved. The motion was defeated on a voice vote. Previous question was called by **Suzuki-Sanders** and approved. The resolution passed 12 - 8 on a roll call vote. (see Tally Sheet)
- c. SB31-10/11 - Resolution Regarding Board of Regents (Exhibit C) - A motion by **James-Klapmeier** to delete lines 16 - 17 and 19 - 20 failed 11 - 9 (2/3 majority required) on a roll call vote. (see Tally Sheet) A motion by **Suzuki** to add the phrase "proposed to" to line 16 was accepted as friendly. **James-Carson** moved to strike lines 19 and 20. Previous question was called by **Spika-Sims** and approved. The motion failed on a voice vote. A motion by **Rhea** to add the word "approximately" and the phrase "by the Governor's Office and the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education" to line 16 was accepted as friendly.

**Edmunds** motioned to amend lines 19 - 20 to read "double digit" instead of "16 - 19 percent" but there was no second. Previous question was called by **Sims-Sanders** and approved. A motion by **Amatuzio** to correct punctuation mistakes in lines 29 - 30 was accepted as friendly. The resolution as amended passed on a voice vote.

- d. SB32-10/11 - Resolution Regarding Transportation and the COT West Campus (Exhibit D) - A motion by **Suzuki-Sims** to approve the resolution passed unanimously on a voice vote.

#### **New Business**

- a. Resolution regarding Earn Us More campaign
- b. Resolution regarding Title IX
- c. Resolution regarding legislative session
- d. Resolution regarding legislative session
- e. Resolution regarding health and wellness
- f. Resolution amending Bylaws
- g. Resolution regarding Carol Hayes
- h. Resolution regarding ASUM Indexing referendum
- i. Resolution amending Bylaws
- j. Resolution regarding student groups
- k. Resolution regarding Bookstore
- l. Resolution regarding UM Recycling
- m. Resolution regarding MontPIRG fee referendum language
- n. Resolution regarding MontPIRG

#### **Comments**

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Phoebe Hunter  
ASUM Office Manager