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Associated Students
The University of Montana

ASUM SENATE AGENDA
Wednesday, March 30, 2011
COT HB01 - 6 P.M.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - March 23, 2011

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

a. Mountainside Chats:

1. Teresa Borrenpohl, Student Regent

2. Jon Aliri, Member of the Bookstore at the University of Montana Management Team and Director of The Market in the University Center

b. Jen Gursky, ASUM Lobbyist, Skype report from Helena

c. Other

6. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

a. Committee Appointments/Removals

b. KBGA

c. Other

7. BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

SPECIAL ALLOCATION - \$14,436.26

STIP - \$151,178.85

TRAVEL SPECIAL ALLOCATION - \$468.64

ZERO-BASE CARRYOVER - \$182,974.95

a. ASUM Legal S.T.I.P. Request - \$1155/1155

b. ASUM Legal S.T.I.P. Request - \$5658/5658

c. ASUM Administration Zero Base Request - \$1500/\$1500

d. Archery Club S.T.I.P. Request - \$800 (not considered by Budget and Finance Committee)

e. Publication Board recommendation of Kaimin Editor and Business Manager

f. Other

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. SB33-10/11 - Resolution Regarding the UM Recycling Fee
- b. SB34-10/11 - Resolution Regarding the MontPIRG Fee

10. NEW BUSINESS

11. COMMENTS

12. ADJOURNMENT

ASUM SENATE MINUTES
Wednesday, March 30, 2011
COT HB01 - 6 p.m.

Chair Stovall called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Present: President Williams, Vice President Stovall, Business Manager Hanson (6:13); and Senators Baker, Berry (6:01), Carson, Cochran, DeSoto, Edmunds, Gustin, Hoggatt, James, Klapmeier, Mariani, Rhea, Sanders, Sims, Spika (6:15), Suzuki, Wren and Yerger. Unexcused: Senator Mackey.

The minutes from the March 23, 2011 meeting were approved.

The chair recognized the presence of Senator Berry.

Public Comment

- o Dylan Barbash, Justin Burns, Julie Oldfield, Beryl Clark and Megan Girsch introduced the Senate to S.I.R.E. - Students for Increasing Recycling Efficiency. The fee increase being sought (see SB33-10/11) would address a shortage of resources and allow for expansion of recycling efforts on campus (Exhibit A).
- o Doug Coffin, President of the University Faculty Association and Professor of Biomedical and Pharmaceutical Sciences, spoke in favor of continuing the MontPIRG fee and asked senators to vote affirmatively on SB34-10/11.
- o Hallie Swain has a student organizing scholarship with MontPIRG and expressed her hope that senators will vote to keep funding for MontPIRG as it allows students like her to work on issues that are important to her.
- o Jamie Bedwell, media intern for MontPIRG, also spoke in favor of ongoing support for MontPIRG. MontPIRG lobbyists continue to work on important issues for students.
- o Tuesday Rogers, biology major and MontPIRG intern, expressed her belief that MontPIRG provides good training for students' futures and hoped the wording of the ballot language will go forward as written.

The chair recognized the presence of Business Manager Hanson.

- o Matt Loewi, an intern with MontPIRG, spoke in favor of keeping the MontPIRG fee ballot language as is.

- o Kyle Schmauch and Levi Bloomer pointed out that as UM freshmen they hadn't heard of MontPIRG. They had no opportunity to vote on the fee which they believe should be opt-out as it is inefficient to get a refund. They spoke in opposition to the proposed ballot language.

The chair recognized the presence of Senator Spika.

- o Rob Olsen, Board Chair of MontPIRG, and Katie Thurlby, MontPIRG Treasurer, answered questions posed by senators and passed out copies of the MontPIRG budget (Exhibit B). They spoke to the internal problems last semester and highlighted some of the ways the organization is moving forward this semester, an example being the efforts of the MontPIRG lobbyist in Helena working to support voting rights.

President's Report

a. Mountainside Chats:

1. Teresa Borrenpohl, Student Regent, spoke to the approaching end of the state legislative session and the importance of student input regarding the impact of budget restrictions on Montana's campuses. The next Board of Regents meeting will be in Helena, April 15.
2. John Aliri, Member of the Management Team of the Bookstore at The University of Montana and Director of the The Market in the UC, and Matt LaPalm, Technology and Supplies Buyer for the Bookstore, handed out promotional materials (Exhibit C) for the Earn Us More campaign being launched to save students money by putting pressure on faculty members to place textbook orders by the April 15 deadline. The Bookstore hopes students will start dialoging with professors and that senators will provide leadership with the issue.

- b. President Williams provided the legislative update from Helena on behalf of Jen Gursky, ASUM Lobbyist. The bonding bill that would provide \$29 million for a new College of Technology (COT) building passed the House. The bill will next be heard in Senate committee, April 5. Lobbyist Gursky encouraged senators to contact their legislators to express support for the bonding bill. A 3D model of the new COT building will be available in the ASUM office next week. President Williams also has a

floor plan and architectural drawing to show anyone who is interested.

- c. President Williams gave an update on a personal project. She, Beki Hartmann, Director of the ASUM Off-Campus Renter Center, and Nancy Wilson, Director of ASUM Transportation, have been working with the Missoula Housing Authority on student housing projects to help the administration and Residence Life expand and increase the availability of less expensive housing.

Vice President's Report

- a. Committee Appointments/Removals - A motion by **Sanders-Sims** to approve the committee appointments and removals (Exhibit D) as a slate passed unanimously on a voice vote.
- b. Senator Edmunds will appear on the KBGA program, ASUM Live, Thursday, March 31.
- c. Vice President Stovall reminded senators to check their mailboxes in the ASUM office on a regular basis.

Business Manager's Report

- a. A motion by **Suzuki-Sims** to approve the Budget and Finance committee (B&F) ASUM Legal S.T.I.P. Request recommendation of \$1155.00 for same passed with unanimous consent on a voice vote.
- b. A motion by **Yerger-Sims** to approve the B&F ASUM Legal S.T.I.P. Request recommendation of \$5658.00 for same passed with unanimous consent on a voice vote.
- c. A motion by **Berry-Suzuki** to approve the ASUM Administration Zero-Base funding request for \$1500.00 for same was approved by voice vote.
- d. A motion by **Suzuki-Gustin** to reduce the ASUM Administration S.T.I.P. Request (not considered by B&F) of \$139.99 to replace the conference room microwave to zero was approved by voice vote. Previous question was called by **Suzuki-Sanders** and approved. A motion by **Suzuki-Sanders** to approve \$00.00 passed on a voice vote.
- e. A motion by **Rhea-Mariani** to fund the Archery Club S.T.I.P. Request (not considered by B&F) in full for \$800.00 was approved unanimously by voice. A motion by **Gustin-Berry** to approve the \$800.00 allocation was approved unanimously by voice vote.

- f. The Publications Board met earlier in the day. There were three candidates for the Kaimin Business Manager position but two dropped out. The third candidate will be interviewed April 1, at 4:30 p.m. Jamie Fraser is the board's recommendation for the position of 2011/2012 Kaimin Editor. A motion by **Suzuki-Williams** to approve her for the position passed with unanimous consent on a motion by **DeSoto**.

Committee Reports

- a. Relations and Affairs (Suzuki) - The committee considered two resolutions. SB33-10/11 passed and received a do pass recommendation. SB34-10/11 passed with no recommendation.
- b. Elections (Berry) - The committee met March 25, with all the Senate candidates. For those candidates unable to attend the first meeting, a second meeting will be held April 1, at 6 p.m. in the UC Copper Commons. Any candidates who don't make it to one of these two mandatory meetings will not be included on the election ballot.
- c. Board on Members (Gustin) - A motion by **Hanson-Suzuki** to approve the list of groups recommended for recognition (Exhibit E) as a slate passed with unanimous consent on a voice vote.
- d. Web (Cochran) - The committee met March 28. The committee is waiting for approval on the new design standards. These will apply to all websites hosted on the umt.edu domain. For .orgs there is a debate about who exactly will be required to comply. Groups like the UM Foundation that are a separate 501c3 will not have to comply but a decision has yet to be made regarding .orgs that share funding with the university.
- e. Housing (Spika) - There will be a Housing Fair, April 14, in the UC.
- f. Student Political Action (Edmunds) - The committee did not meet this week. Senator Edmunds encouraged senators to contact their senators regarding the bonding bill.
- g. NCAA Subcommittee for Gender Equality (Williams) - Even if a softball program is established for women, The University will still be ten percent short of providing full gender equity for sports as stipulated by Title IX.

Unfinished Business

- a. SB33-10/11 - Resolution Regarding the UM Recycling Fee (Exhibit F) - A motion by **Carson-Sanders** to approve the resolution passed with unanimous consent on a motion by **Williams**.
- b. SB34-10/11 - Resolution Regarding the MontPIRG Fee (Exhibit G) - A motion by **Hanson** to table the resolution was ruled dilatory by the chair. A second motion to table the resolution by **Sanders-Sims** failed 10 - 9, a two-thirds majority being required for indefinite tabling when no date is specified. (see Tally Sheet) A motion by **Sims-Yerger** to table the resolution until April 13, passed 10 - 9 on a roll call vote. (see Tally Sheet)

New Business

- a. Resolution regarding committee
- b. Resolution regarding Indexing language
- c. Resolutions amending Bylaws (5)
- d. Resolution regarding College of Technology
- e. Resolution regarding civic service
- f. Resolution regarding Earn Us More campaign
- g. Resolution regarding legislative session
- h. Resolution regarding MontPIRG vote of confidence
- i. Resolution regarding Swing Dance

A motion by **Rhea-Berry** to return to Committee Appointments and Removals did not pass on a voice vote.

A motion by **Suzuki-Williams** to return to New Business was approved on a voice vote. Item j., a resolution regarding MontPIRG fee, and item k., a resolution regarding MontPIRG fee referendum language, were added to the list of New Business. A motion by **Yerger-Sims** to close New Business passed on a voice vote.

Comments

The meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Phoebe Hunter
ASUM Office Manager