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Associated Students
The University of Montana

ASUM SENATE AGENDA
Wednesday, April 20, 2011
UC 330/331 - 6 P.M.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - April 13, 2011

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

a. Mountainside Chat:

1. Perry Brown, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

2. Royce Engstrom, UM President, and Jim Foley, UM Executive Vice President

b. Jen Gursky, ASUM Lobbyist

c. Marissa Grinestaff, board recommendation for 2011-2012 Director of UM Productions

d. 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 - \$182,572.17

a. Students for Choice Special Allocation Request - \$1500/500

b. Other

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. SB38-10/11 - Resolution Regarding MontPIRG Fee Collection
- b. SB39-10/11 - Resolution Regarding MontPIRG Vote of Confidence
- c. SB40-10/11 - Resolution Amending Bylaws

10. NEW BUSINESS

11. COMMENTS

12. ADJOURNMENT

ASUM SENATE MINUTES
Wednesday, April 20, 2011
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Chair Stovall called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. Present: President Williams, Vice President Stovall, Business Manager Hanson; and Senators Baker, Berry, Carson, Cochran, DeSoto, Edmunds, Gustin, Hoggatt, James (6:46), Klapmeier, Mackey, Mariani, Rhea, Sanders, Spika, Suzuki, Wren and Yerger. Excused: Senator Sims.

The minutes from the April 13, 2011 meeting were approved.

Public Comment

- o Sean Jeffrey provided the update of upcoming University Center (UC) events (Exhibit A).
- o Rob Olsen, Board Chair of MontPIRG, along with Katie Thurlby, MontPIRG Treasurer, provided the update of the organization's activities. Refunds are still available for those who stop by the office in Corbin Hall 348 or email a request. Copies of a flyer showing price comparisons among local grocery stores were provided (Exhibit B). An email with a link to Kaimin voting information was sent out encouraging all to vote in both the primary and general elections. Rob thanked members of the Relations and Affairs committee for helping with the MontPIRG referendum language.

President's Report

a. Mountainside Chats:

1. Royce Engstrom, University of Montana (UM) President, presented an update on two items. The first was the special meeting to discuss tuition with members of the Board of Regents (BOR), April 15. Specific numbers were not discussed, as the purpose of the meeting was to provide context and background. To that end, President Engstrom distributed a chart showing comparative undergraduate tuition and fees within the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education region (Exhibit C). A second informational handout (Exhibit D) provides a different look at how UM fees compare to other schools from states with comparably low populations. The second item of President Engstrom's update is the proposed increase

in the Athletic Fee to allow for the addition of women's softball to the Intercollegiate Athletics program in partial compliance with Title IX requirements. The proposed fee increase would not be put to a student vote. Instead, The UM plans to ask the BOR to increase the Athletic fee \$12.50 for four semesters so that the fee would increase from the current \$92 per semester to \$142 by 2013. This would provide the \$700,000+ per year needed to fund a women's softball program.

2. Perry Brown, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, invited Senators to review the final draft of the 2012 - 2020 Strategic Plan (Exhibit E). The plan is comprehensive in that it draws from strategic plans from sectors across campus. Target goals of the plan are for the year 2020 and priorities would be updated each year.
- b. President Williams provided the update from Helena on behalf of Jen Gursky, ASUM Lobbyist. There is currently a roadblock with regard to HB439, the bonding bill that would provide \$29 million for a new College of Technology (COT) building, as the House has recessed until April 26.
- c. President Williams introduced Marissa Grinestaff, the board recommendation for 2011-2012 Director of UM Productions. A motion by **Hanson-Suzuki** to approve the recommendation passed unanimously on a motion by **Yerger**.
- d. President Williams invited all senators to attend the Student Leadership Recognition Ceremony, April 26. Each senator is to notify Andrea Rhoades by noon, April 21, whether they will be attending.

Vice President's Report

- a. Committee Appointments/Removals - A motion by **Suzuki-Sanders** to approve the list of appointments and removals as a slate passed unanimously on a voice vote (Exhibit F).
- b. Senator Wren will appear on the KBGA program, ASUM Live, Thursday, April 14.

Business Manager's Report

- a. Students for Choice Special Allocation Request - A motion by **Rhea-Suzuki** to approve the Budget and Finance Committee recommendation of \$500 for same passed on a voice vote.

Committee Reports

- a. Athletics (Mariani) - Senator Mariani explained the three prongs to Title IX compliance. The addition of women's softball would only address the third prong.
- b. Transportation (Mackey) - The board met April 12. Nancy Wilson is working with the COT West Campus to provide bus service. Walk n Roll week is May 2 - 6 and volunteers are needed to hand out raffle tickets to anyone biking, taking the bus, carpooling or walking during the week. Those working a two-hour shift will get a free T-shirt. The week's finale, May 6, at noon in the Library Mall, will feature drawings for raffle prizes and a performance by a live band. There will also be a free skate with the Hellgate Rollergirls on the Oval, May 6, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.
- c. Relations and Affairs (Suzuki) - The committee considered three resolutions. SB38-10/11, SB39-10/11 and SB40-10/11 all received do pass recommendations.
- d. Elections (Berry) - The committee met April 15, and wrote a letter to the Kaimin Editor regarding the illegal posting of slanderous flyers earlier in the day. Senator Berry wished all the President/Vice President teams good luck in the primary.
- e. Presidential Inauguration (DeSoto) - President Engstrom's inauguration is May 2, at 10:15, in the University Theater. She hopes that everyone will be able to attend some of the day's activities. There will be a forum, the first half of which will be students voicing their vision for The UM. The second half of the forum will feature delegates from all the state's university system campuses. Luncheon will be served on the Oval and there will be exhibits of student work in the UC.
- f. Student Political Action (Edmunds) - The committee is helping to promote a free Students for Choice event April 21, at 6 p.m. in the UC Theatre. The program will feature a speaker addressing the importance of student activism.
- g. Sustainability (Wren) - There was a summit earlier in the day with panels discussing the Climate Action Plan. An Earth Day Celebration will take place on the Oval, April 22. Events will include a speech by Provost Brown, games and children from ASUM Child Care singing.

The chair recognized the presence of Senator James.

Unfinished Business

- a. SB38-10/11 - Resolution Regarding MontPIRG Fee Collection (Exhibit G) - Author **Suzuki** added Rob Olsen and the phrase, "since February 9, 2011," to line 16 as friendly amendments. Previous question was called by **Rhea-Sanders** and approved. The resolution passed on a voice vote.
- b. SB39-10/11 - Resolution Regarding MontPIRG Vote of Confidence (Exhibit H) - Author **Suzuki** corrected the date on line 21 as a friendly amendment. A motion by **Klapmeier-James** to recess for caucus was approved by voice vote. Author **Suzuki** adjusted lines 40 and 54 as friendly amendments. A motion by **Suzuki-Sanders** to approve the resolution as amended passed on a voice vote.
- c. SB40-10/11 - Resolution Amending Bylaws (Exhibit I) - A motion by **Klapmeier-Gustin** to approve the resolution passed on a voice vote.

A motion by **James-Klapmeier** to reconsider SB38-10/11 failed 11 - 8 - 1 on a roll call vote, a two-thirds majority being required. (see Tally Sheet)

A motion by **James-Klapmeier** to suspend House Rules in order to consider a simple majority vote failed on a voice vote.

New Business

- a. Resolutions amending Bylaws (3)
- b. Resolution regarding Title IX athletic fee increase
- c. Resolution regarding fee increase
- d. Resolution regarding COT West Campus
- e. Resolution regarding MontPIRG
- f. Resolution regarding MontPIRG fee

Comments

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Phoebe Hunter
ASUM Office Manager