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ASUM SENATE AGENDA
Wednesday, September 7, 2011
UC 330/331 – 6 P.M.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 31, 2011

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

5. PRESIDENT’S REPORT

- a. Recommendation of Sam Schmitt for Student Resolution Officer
- b. Mountainside Chat: Jim O’Day, Director of Athletics
- c. Board of Regents: September 21 - 22, at MSU-Billings
- d. Events:
 - 1. Join the Revolution: An Invitation to Get Involved (September 12 – 17)
 - a. Monday, September 12, Panel: “*Politics, Money, Education: What Students Should Know,*” 3:00 p.m. in the UC Theater.
 - b. Tuesday, September 13, City Council Candidate Forum at 5:30 p.m. in the UC Theater
 - c. Sign up for volunteer time slots for the week
 - 2. Friday, September 16
 - a. Breakfast with Senator Jon Tester - 8:00 a.m. in the UC Theater
 - b. Lunch with Joe Bozich of Knight’s Apparel - UC 3rd floor, 12:00 – 2:00 p.m., room TBD
 - 3. President’s Lecture Series: Friday, September 23, 8:00 p.m. in the UC Theater - John Dower, “The Cultures of War”
- e. Other

6. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT

- a. Committee Appointments/Removals
- b. Tabling
- c. ‘Know Our Community’
- d. Other

7. BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

SPECIAL ALLOCATION - \$18,000.00

STIP - \$154, 189.69

TRAVEL SPECIAL ALLOCATION - \$22,091.18

ZERO-BASE CARRYOVER - \$203,091.12

- a. Student Political Action Committee Special Allocation Request - \$400.00/400.00
- b. OUTLaws Special Allocation Request - \$679.90/369.00
- c. Other

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - none

10. NEW BUSINESS

11. COMMENTS

12. ADJOURNMENT

ASUM SENATE MINUTES
Wednesday, September 7, 2011
UC 330/331 - 6 p.m.

Chair Edmunds called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Present: President Gursky, Vice President Edmunds, Business Manager Sims; and Senators Bennett, Boslough, Coon, Dantic, Ellis, Haefner, James, Klapmeier, LaFortune, Molgaard, Nielsen, Overturf, Rogers, Selph, Simpson, Springmeyer, Summers, Suzuki, Williams, M. and Williams, T.

The minutes from the August 31, 2011 meeting were approved.

Public Comment

- o Bryan Sawyer, student, fully supported the Tobacco Free Campus (TFC) initiative until recently when he noticed all smokers have been relegated to the periphery of campus. Smokers need a designated place to go other than, for example, in front of the Lommasson Center where there is a lot of traffic. He feels TFC is a great initiative but we need to work together to find an alternative for smokers.

President's Report

- a. Patrick Rhea, ASUM Student Resolution Officer (SRO) since the beginning of summer, described the position as one of the most important jobs funded by ASUM. The SRO deals with disputes between students and faculty and instances of mistreatment of students by faculty. He has assisted thirteen students since taking office. Patrick is resigning as SRO and Sam Schmitt, law student, expressed interest in the position. He was one of three candidates but the only recommendation of the ASUM Interview Committee (IC). Senator Suzuki, Chair of the IC, spoke to the depth of his qualifications. A motion by **Suzuki-Sims** to approve Sam Schmitt as the new SRO was approved with unanimous consent on a voice vote.
- b. Mountainside Chat:
 - 1. Jim O'Day, Director of Athletics, thanked members of last year's Senate for their hard work helping to secure funding for the women's softball program. Intercollegiate Athletics (IA) at The University of Montana is Division I level. The graduation rate for IA is 64% - 20% higher than the general student body. Currently there are nine UM graduates playing football in the NFL, an uncommon accomplishment for a

school the size of The UM. IA has 300 student athletes in twelve sports. In nine of the sports the cumulative GPA is over 3.0.

- c. The next Board of Regents meeting will be held at MSU-Billings, September 21 - 22. Senators are to let President Gursky know if they are interested in attending. Commissioner Stearns has provided a list of Listening Sessions. These are good opportunities for students to address issues at a system level. President Gursky will provide more information in the future.
- d. "Join the Revolution: A Invitation to Get Involved" will take place the week of September 12 - 17. On Monday, September 12, it is very important that senators attend the 3 p.m. panel. This will be followed by a private reception at 4 p.m. with the panelists. A City Council Candidate Forum will be held at 5:30 p.m. on September 13. President Gursky passed around a sign up sheet for times when volunteers are needed. Senator Tester has accepted the invitation for breakfast at 8 a.m., Friday, September 16. Senators are to let Senator Nielsen know if they can attend. UM Vice President Foley has requested that senators respond to his invitation to attend lunch with Joe Bozich, CEO of Knights Apparel (KA), one of the suppliers of Griz wear. Students for Economic and Social Justice (SESJ) was instrumental in bringing attention to the issue of inadequate labor conditions with regard to Russell Gear, a vendor The University no longer does business with. Because of the active role SESJ and ASUM played in bringing attention to poor labor conditions, The UM is one of the few campuses Mr. Bozich will be visiting.
- e. President Gursky encouraged senators to make time in their schedules to attend appearances by the renowned speakers featured in this year's President's Lecture Series (Exhibit A).

Vice President's Report

- a. A motion by **Sims-Nielsen** to remove Business Manager Sims from the University Council passed by voice vote. A motion by **Suzuki-Haefner** to approve the slate of committee appointments and removals as amended passed unanimously by voice vote (Exhibit B).
- b. Vice President Edmunds encouraged senators to talk with Senator Molgaard about tabling. More tabling opportunities will be coming up.
- c. Know Our Community:
 - 1. Daniel Viehland, President of the Alliance for Disability and Students at The University of Montana

(ADSUM), spoke on behalf of himself and several members of the audience. Two efforts the group wants to focus on are development of volunteer recruitment and communicating with The University administration. The group has four key priorities this year: 1) accessible science labs 2) developing assistive technologies 3) educating professors about the issues their disabled students face 4) working with the administration to establish a timeline for addressing accessibility barriers that still exist.

- d. KBGA is in the process of restructuring their news format. Vice President Edmunds will let the Senate know once this has been formalized and there is a regular timeslot for ASUM updates.
- e. Vice President Edmunds thanked the senators for respecting the dress code and dressing so nicely.
- f. Vice President Edmunds still needs class schedules and office hours from all senators by September 9.

Business Manager's Report

- a. A motion by **Summers-James** to approve the Student Political Action Board Special Allocation request of \$400.00, and recommended by the Budget and Finance Committee for same, passed with unanimous consent on a voice vote.
- b. A motion by **Suzuki-Williams, T.** to add \$46.20 to line item 623 (Kaimin) of the OUTLaws Special Allocation request of \$679.00 was approved by voice vote. A motion by **Suzuki-James** to remove \$50.00 from line item 622 and add another \$46.20 to line item 623 (Kaimin) was approved by voice vote. A motion by **Suzuki-Molgaard** to approve the Special Allocation recommendation as amended for a total of \$410.90 passed by voice vote.

Committee and Board Reports

- a. Board on Members (Overturf) - The usual meeting time will be Thursdays at noon except this week when the board will meet on Friday. As of this morning three student groups had submitted their applications for recognition.
- b. Budget and Finance (B&F) (Sims) - Travel Allocation requests are due September 14, and will be taken up at the following B&F meeting, September 20.
- c. Student Political Action - (Nielsen) - The board will be meeting at 8 a.m. Thursdays. Senators are to let the

board know if they are interested in being one of the class reps. Volunteers are needed for voter registration at the football game, September 17.

- d. Transportation (Williams, T.) - The election to select a board chair was held September 6, and Senator Williams, T. was chosen. ASUM Transportation will be making an appearance complete with bus during Sunday Streets, a weekly event during which Higgins Avenue through the downtown area is closed to vehicular traffic. There will also be a bike polo competition.
- e. Housing (Williams, M.) - The board will hold meetings Thursdays at 8:30 a.m.
- f. Wizarding (G. Wiz) - The Wizarding Committee was happy to report the ability to procure ample supplies of ink potions in the event the Senate Secretary runs short of ink during the tallying of repeated roll call votes. Upon such an unfortunate occurrence, the Wizarding Committee will step forward, mix equal portions of two clear potions and invoke the following incantation:
 - "When East is East, and West is West,
 - When one flies over the cuckoo's nest,
 - When red is red and pink is pink,
 - Make this water black as ink!"

A quick touch from a real wizard's finger will effect the transformation instantaneously, thus saving the day (or night).

Unfinished Business - none

New Business

- a. Resolutions amending Bylaws (8)
- b. Resolutions amending Fiscal Policy (5)

Comments

The meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Phoebe Hunter
ASUM Office Manager