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ASUM SENATE AGENDA
Wednesday, September 14, 2011
UC 326/327 – 6 P.M.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 7, 2011

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

5. PRESIDENT’S REPORT

- a. Mountainside Chats:
 - 1. Former Montana Senate Majority Leader Fred Thomas (R-Stevensville)
 - 2. Bill Johnston, Director, Alumni Relations
- b. Board of Regents: September 21 - 22, at MSU-Billings
- c. Approval of Garon Smith as ASUM Senate Faculty Advisor
- d. Events:
 - 1. Join the Revolution: An Invitation to Get Involved - September 12 – 17
 - a. Thursday: Political Organization Fair, 10:00 - 2:00 in UC Atrium
 - b. Friday: Wake Up with Tester, 8:00 a.m., UC Theater
 - c. Saturday: Griz game – Voter Registration Volunteers
- e. Other

6. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT

- a. ‘Knowing Our Community’
- b. Committee Appointments/Removals
- c. Ice Cream Social Neighborhood flyering
- d. Griz game voter registration volunteering
- e. Other

7. BUSINESS MANAGER’S REPORT

SPECIAL ALLOCATION - \$17,189.1
STIP - \$156, 260.57
TRAVEL SPECIAL ALLOCATION - \$22,091.18
ZERO-BASE CARRYOVER - \$203,091.12

- a. Muslim Student Association Special Allocation Request - \$151.50/122.00
- b. Other

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. SB1-11/12 – Resolution Amending Bylaws
- b. SB2-11/12 – Resolution Amending Bylaws
- c. SB3-11/12 – Resolution Amending Bylaws

10. NEW BUSINESS

11. COMMENTS

12. ADJOURNMENT

ASUM SENATE MINUTES
Wednesday, September 14, 2011
UC 326/327 - 6 p.m.

Chair Edmunds called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 (6:07) Suzuki, Williams, M. (6:15) and Williams, T.

The minutes from the September 7, 2011 meeting were approved.

Public Comment

- o Clay Skeens, student, passed out copies of his "Healthy Griz Initiative" (Exhibit A) and spoke to the need for a realistic policy addressing the issue of smoking on campus and providing assistance to those who want to quit.
- o Charles Satchfield, student, addressed three issues. First, smokers shouldn't have to resort to either secret niches on campus or over-exposed and very public locations on the edge of campus. Second, freshmen living in dorms shouldn't be allowed to have cars on campus. Third, there needs to be more paper recycling receptacles around campus.
- o Kyle Schmauch, student, stated that he believes the reason for the low turnout for the September 13, City Council Forum was because there was no genuine outlet for student voices at the September 12, afternoon event. Questions submitted by students were reworded, combined with other questions and watered down.
- o Anna Kendall, Secretary of the UM Equestrian Team, thanked the Senate for its continued support. Last year the team was the English Regional Reserve Champion Team and the Western Regional Reserve Champion Team. The team has forty members this year and is already participating in shows.
- o Josh Crismore, student, agreed with the earlier criticism of the September 12, "Join the Revolution" event. He enjoyed the September 13, City Council forum because he had the opportunity to have an interesting discussion with a city council member he very much disagrees with on some issues, specifically her opposition to the non-discrimination policy last year. He thanked those responsible for providing an opportunity he otherwise would not have had.

President's Report

a. Mountainside Chats:

1. Fred Thomas, former Montana Senate Majority Leader and former Student Government President of Montana State University, talked about the similarity between what the ASUM Senate does and what local school boards and city, state and national legislative bodies do. He thinks there is a sore need for a new era of respectability in politics and that the ASUM Senate is doing a great job.
 2. Bill Johnston, Montana University System lobbyist and Director of the Alumni Center, spoke about how state legislators continue to have a bias that all students are 18 to 22 years old and just "kids" whose parents pay for their education. He mentioned that students should be more conscientious when choosing to swarm the capitol during rallies. While it might be good for media coverage, it alienates legislators who are inclined to be opposed to the students' concerns. It is also important to realize that the Missoula campus is different from other campuses around the state. It's a challenge when students from different campuses don't agree on legislative priorities as some state representatives use this as an excuse to be dismissive of certain concerns.
- b. There are two spots available for senators who would like to attend the next Board of Regents (BOR) meeting at MSU-Billings, September 21 - 22. President Gursky and Vice President Edmunds will be attending.
- c. September 15, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the University Center (UC) atrium, there will be a Political Organization Fair. Monte will be at the ASUM office at noon for a photo with the Senate. September 16 is breakfast with Senator Jon Tester. The venue has changed and is now UC 326. At least thirty volunteers are still needed for voter registration during the September 17, football game. Each volunteer will get a ticket to the game and a T-shirt. Shifts are from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and during halftime.
- d. Senators have been invited to attend a Farm to College Feast on the Oval September 15, at 5 p.m. Invitations are in the Senate mailboxes - please RSVP.
- e. The 38th Annual Montana History Conference is taking place September 22 - 24 (Exhibit B). It is part of the President's Lecture Series and the theme this year is War and Conflict.

- f. A motion by **Suzuki-Molgaard** to approve Garon Smith as ASUM Senate Faculty Advisor was approved with unanimous consent on a motion by **Sims**.

Vice President's Report

- a. Know Our Community:
 - 1. Kip Faircloth and Joshua Misner of the Intervarsity Christian Fellowship described the group as a community committed to pursuing God, God's work, God's people of every ethnicity and culture and God's purposes in the world. They are here to facilitate people finding Christ, not to make Christians. They sponsor three main group activities: Break Away, which attracts around eighty people; regular small group bible studies and prayer groups.

The Chair recognized the presence of Senators Summers and Williams, M.

- b. There were no committee appointments or removals.
- c. The Ice Cream Social is a traditional annual event. ASUM works in partnership with the University neighborhood district to promote the event. All senators are expected to help with flyering (Exhibit C) and can sign up for September 15, and 16, shifts for specific streets. Vice President Edmunds encouraged senators to take advantage of the opportunity to dialogue with neighbors about any issues of concern to them.
- d. Vice President Edmunds, with regard to the September 17, Griz game voter registration, said, "Do it."
- e. Senators received their student group liaison assignments (Exhibit D).
- f. Senators need to check their ASUM Administration Office mailboxes.
- g. There will be no Senate meeting September 21, because of the BOR meeting.
- h. Senate meetings start at 6 p.m. and senators need to be on time.

Business Manager's Report

- a. A motion by **James-Haefner** to approve the Budget and Finance Committee recommendation of \$122.00 for the Muslim Student Association Special Allocation request passed with unanimous consent on a voice vote.

- b. Student group Travel Allocation request forms are due September 14.

Committee and Board Reports

- a. Student Outreach (Molgaard) - The committee met September 13, and is working with Andrea Rhoades to promote the "Join the Revolution" week of events. ASUM will be participating in the Homecoming parade. ASUM Transportation is providing a bus that will serve as a float and ten to twenty people will carry signs with the names of ASUM's agencies. The parade starts October 1, at 10 a.m. and signs will be made September 30, in the ASUM office. The committee is also planning a Student Group 101 event. Invitations will be sent to student group leaders to talk about how to be a good group leader. The committee is also working on setting up an Enewsletter and addressing graduate student concerns.
- b. Board on Members (Overturf) - The committee met September 8, and will be meeting again September 15. Twenty-six student groups have submitted their applications for recognition so far but none have been reviewed yet. The committee might need help checking student group memberships from senators during their office hours.
- c. Relations and Affairs (Suzuki) - The committee met September 13 to review three resolutions. SB1, SB2 and SB 3 and all received do-pass recommendations. Chair Suzuki reminded senators to submit resolution drafts to the ASUM Office Manager by noon on Mondays. According to the ASUM Bylaws, resolutions should also be submitted to the ASUM Vice President.
- d. Budget and Finance (B&F) (Sims) - Student groups will be lobbying the committee for Travel Allocation funding from 8 to 10 a.m., September 20.
- e. Student Political Action - (Nielsen) - The committee has established some goals for the coming year and would also like to hear from senators regarding speakers, etc. they would like to hear. There are dorm incentives for volunteers for the September 17, football game voter registration and senators were also encouraged to sign up. Senator Bennett has put together a voter information table for the September 15, Political Fair in the UC atrium.
- f. UC Board (Dantic) - The Board has not met yet. It is composed of one administrator, one faculty advisor, three students, and two UC staff, including Liz Roosa Millar, the new director. The first meeting will be September 16,

and from then on will meet once a month every third Friday. Senator Dantic has been meeting weekly with director Roosa Millar. They have been exploring the possibility along with Dining Services of establishing Percent Night, a way to fundraise on behalf of student groups.

- g. Transportation (Williams, T.) - The board had a discussion on the Maurice and 6th intersection which is proving to be a huge hazard to bicyclists. Possible solutions include taking over four parking spaces, expanding the sidewalk or paying for increased staffing by Bike Ambassadors. The next board meeting is September 20.
- h. Recycling (Williams, T.) - The committee met for the first time September 14. It is hoped that the new fee increase can be used to hire a new fulltime staff person and make it possible for increased oversight of student employees. A problem needing to be addressed is that recycling is not being sorted properly. Efforts are being planned to increase education on campus with regard to this issue.
- i. Music Union (Williams, M.) - The Music Union cabinet has been formed and met September 13. Leaders of the student groups belonging to the Music Union will meet September 20.
- j. Housing (Williams, M.) - The board meets Thursday mornings. The goal for the next meeting is to come up with a mission statement and goals for the coming year.
- k. Child Care (Coon) - The committee met for the first time earlier in the day. Future meetings will take place every other Wednesday at 11 a.m. The committee discussed what it should be and how it can be of assistance to the Child Care staff. Coming up at the end of September will be facility open houses. Child Care might also like to be a part of the ASUM Homecoming float.
- l. College of Technology (COT) (LaFortune) - Senator LaFortune will be in contact with Mary McHugh about the possibility of being the ASUM Senate's second faculty advisor. She has also been in contact with Phi Theta Kappa, the COT honors society with 75 members, to see if there might be any interest in members serving as students-at-large.
- m. Sustainability (Springmeyer) - There has been some interdepartmental confusion between the Sustainable Campus Committee, the KRELF Committee and ASUM Sustainability. Senator Springmeyer has been working with representatives of the various groups to sort

everything out. There will be a meeting September 16, at 8:30 a.m. for each group to get all their cards on the table so the confusion can be addressed.

- n. Wizarding (G. Wiz) - The Wizarding Committee has been developing an aid to help ASUM evaluate student groups. Similar to the Sorting Hat that places students at Hogwarts into the proper houses, the Wizarding Committee's Sorting Cauldron can provide instantaneous feedback on student groups seeking recognition or asking for funding. The Cauldron (bowl) is placed upon a fire resistant surface and filled with G. Wiz's proprietary Sorting Fluid. It's opinions are then sought through the following invocations:

"If this student group is tried and true,
Have the Cauldron burn bright blue. "
(The Cauldron's flames will turn blue if true.)

"If this student group is nothing but fluff,
Fill this bowl with yellow stuff."
(The Cauldron's flames will turn yellow if true - bad omen!)

"If this student group is squeaky clean,
Have the Cauldron turn to green."
(The Cauldron's flames will turn green if true.)

"If this student group will forge ahead,
Make this Cauldron show us red."
(The Cauldron's flames will turn fuchsia if true.)

"If this group's mission is noble and bold,
Fill this Cauldron with sparks of gold."
(The Cauldron's flames will scintillate with gold sparks if true.)

"If everything about this group seems right,
Dazzle the eyes with sparks of white."
(The Cauldron's flames will sizzle with silver sparks if true.)

"The Sorting Cauldron has spoken!"
(A brilliant white flash appears!)

- o. Vice President Edmunds needs minutes and attendance sheets for each committee meeting.

Unfinished Business

- a. SB1-11/12 (Exhibit E), SB2-11/12 (Exhibit F) and SB3-11/12 (Exhibit G) - Resolutions Amending Bylaws - A motion by **James-Gursky** to vote on the three resolutions as a slate was approved by voice vote. A motion by **Suzuki** to amend line 23 of SB1-11/12 by adding the phrase "an annual" was accepted as friendly. A motion by **James-Gursky** to approve the three resolutions passed 16-6 on a roll call vote. (see Tally Sheet)

New Business

- a. Resolutions amending Bylaws (9)
- b. Resolutions amending Fiscal Policy (6)
- c. Resolution regarding recognition of service
- d. Resolution regarding renovating office space
- e. Resolution regarding parking protection of campus residents
- f. Resolution regarding smoke free campus
- g. Resolution of recognition
- h. Resolution regarding post-baccalaureate ASUM committee
- i. Resolution regarding City Council

A motion by **Suzuki-Williams, T.** to reconsider SB3-11/12 was approved by voice vote. There was objection to a call for unanimous consent by **Gursky** following a previous question motion by **James-Dantic**. The previous question motion was approved 20-2 on a roll call vote. (see Tally Sheet) The motion to reapprove SB3-11/12 passed 19-3 on a roll call vote. (see Tally Sheet)

Comments

The meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Phoebe Hunter
ASUM Office Manager