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ASUM SENATE AGENDA
April 7, 2004
UC332-333 - 6 p.m.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - March 17, 2004

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

5. PRESIDENT’S REPORT
   a. Diane Norem - Online Voting Demonstration
   b. Appointment of SPA Interim Director - Kyle Nelson
   c. MAS
   d. Board of Regents Meeting
   e. Athletic Fee
   f. Meeting in Roundup
   g. Other

6. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT
   a. Committee Appointments
   b. KBGA
   c. Other Fees
   d. Other

7. BUSINESS MANAGER’S REPORT
   Special Allocation - approx. $7,852.64
   Travel Special Allocation - approx. $396.15
   STIP - approx. $88,625.93
   Zero-Base Carryover - approx. $68,751.70
   a. WEEL Special Allocation request - $1,409/$1,409
   b. Wa Ya Wa (American Indian Education Student Assoc.) Special Allocation request - $993.80/$2,010.80
   c. UM Cycling STIP Request - $0.00/$1,890.00
   d. Amnesty International STIP Request - $600/$599
   e. ASUM Legal Services STIP Request (Staff Development) - $1,117/$1,117
   f. ASUM Elections Zero Base Carryover Request (Advertising) - $941.45/$941.45
   g. ASUM COT Student Position Zero Base Request (Salary) - $3,837.60/$3,837.60
   h. SB67-03/04 Resolution to Amend Fiscal Policy Section 23 - do not pass recommendation
   i. Other
9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
To see a list of resolutions in their entirety with the action taken on them, please go to http://www.umt.edu/asum/government/resolution.htm
a. SB57-03/04 A Resolution to Amend Bylaws to Grant the Elections Committee the Discretion to Implement Online Elections
b. SB58-03/04 Resolution urging Ratification of Memorandum of Understanding
c. SB59-03/04 Resolution to Amend By-Laws, Article IV, Section 8 - Publications Board
d. h. SB61-03/04 To Send to Referendum - Resolution to Increase Student Activity Fee
e. SB62-03/04 Resolution to Amend the Bylaws, Article IV, Sections 9 and 12
f. SB63-03/04 Resolution to amend Article V, Sections 1-3 of the ASUM Bylaws
g. SB64-03/04 Resolution for Freshman Independence
h. SB65-03/04 Resolution to increase Montana Kaimin Mandatory Fee - $2.00/Academic Semester
i. SB66-03/04 Resolution to send Athletic Fee Increase to Student Referendum
j. SB67-03/04 Resolution to amend Fiscal Policy Section 23

10. NEW BUSINESS

11. COMMENTS

12. ADJOURNMENT
ASUM SENATE TALLY SHEET

SENATE MEMBERS
SOPHIA RENA ALVAREZ
ANDREW BISSELL
BRAD CEDERBURG
SAMUEL CHARTIER
TRAVIS COSSITT
KYLE ENGELOSON
ANNA GREEN
SHAWNA HAGEN
CHRIS HEALOW
ANDREA HELLING
WILL HOLMES
EMILY JONES
KIMBERLY PAPPAS
VINCENT PAVLISH
SAGE RAFFERTY
EBEN RECKORD
PATRICK VAN ORDEN
ROB WELSH
CHRISTIAN WINKLE
NATHAN ZIEGLER

ASUM OFFICERS
AARON FLINT
President
GALE PRICE
Vice-President
AVERIEL WOLFF
Business Manager

FACULTY ADVISORS
PROFESSOR ANDERSON
PROFESSOR AUSLAND
Chair Price called the meeting to order at 6:11 p.m. Present: Flint, Price, Wolff, Bissell, Cederberg, Chartier, Cossitt, Engelson, Green, Hagen, Heallow, Helling, Holmes, Jones, Pappas, Pavlish, Rafferty, Reckord, Van Orden, Welsh, Winkle and Ziegler. Excused was Alvarez.

The minutes for the March 17, 2004, meeting were approved as posted.

Public Comment
*Kaimin employees spoke in favor of an increase in the Kaimin fee, stating problems with long hours and inadequate pay which makes it more difficult to attract and retain employees and the decrease in ads coming in.
*Brad Thompson of MontPIRG thanked ASUM for supporting them in the voluntary fee effort. He encouraged Senators to write letters to the Board of Regents opposing the Regents’ decision. MontPIRG Board elections applications are due Friday.
*Anne Hansen encouraged Senators to support WEEL’s request for financial support for Mama Jam.
*Michael Munson of Wa Ya Wa encouraged Senators to support their request.
*Cody Atkins spoke in support of online elections.

President’s Report
a. Diane Norem gave a demonstration on online voting.

b. SPA Director Singer resigned. Flint nominated Kyle Nelson as interim director, which was approved on a motion by Welsh-Pavlish.

c. MAS will be lobbying for reform in the drug provision affecting financial aid and for better student loans.

d. The next Board of Regents meeting will be in Havre May 20-21. New officers will be selected for MAS, and they will launch a new web site.

e. The meeting in Roundup resulted in pursuing new legislative ideas.

f. Senators Reckord and Helling attended the American Indian Higher education Conference in Billings.

Vice President’s Report
a. The following committee appointment was made on a motion by Price-Wolff: Elections - Anna Green

b. Will Holmes will speak for ASUM on KBGA tomorrow.

c. Vice President Duringer has asked for ASUM’s stance on fees. ASUM has approved an increase in the Curry Health Center fee. Talk to Gale.

d. Flint said athletic fee petitions will be going to the Regents.

Business Manager’s Report
Special Allocation - approx. $10,808.51
Travel Special Allocation - approx. $1,156.15
STIP - approx. $98,321.77
Zero-Base Carryover - approx. $77,000

a. WEEL’s Special Allocation request for $1,409 was adopted with unanimous consent on a motion by Welsh for Budget and Finance’s recommendation for same.
b. Wa Ya Wa made a Special Allocation request for $2,010.80 and recommended by Budget and Finance for $993.80. Motions by Wolff-Welsh and Heallow-Welsh to increase the allocation by $719 to $1,712.80 passed after previous question calls by Chartier (2) and Ziegler.

c. UM Cycling Team’s STIP request for $1,890 was recommended by Budget and Finance for $0, since helmets are personal items and not long-term investments. That decision was adopted by unanimous consent on a motion by Bissell.

d. Amnesty International’s STIP request for $599 was recommended by Budget and Finance for $600, which passed after a previous question call by Winkle.

e. Legal Services’ STIP request for $1,117 for staff development and recommended by Budget and Finance for same was adopted by unanimous consent on a motion by Welsh.

f. An Elections Committee Zero Base Carryover request for $941.45 and recommended by Budget and Finance for same was adopted by unanimous consent on a motion by Pavlish.

g. A Zero Base Carryover request for the ASUM COT Student Assistant position salary for $3,837.60 and recommended by Budget and Finance for same was adopted by unanimous consent on a motion by Heallow.

h. SB67-03/04 Resolution to amend Fiscal Policy Section 23 (Exhibit A) was amended by the author to change $75,000 to $100,000 under 23.2.1 and passed as amended after a previous question call by Cossitt.

Committee Reports

a. ASUM Relations and Affairs (Winkle) - SB63, SB65, and SB66 received “do pass” recommendations. The next meeting is Monday in Aber Hall at 8 p.m.

b. IT (Rafferty) - No meeting.

c. Board on Membership (Pappas) - The following groups were recognized when adopted by unanimous consent on a motion by Welsh: Women’s Mathematical Society, Japanese Student Association, Objectivist Club, Shooting Sports Club and Triathalon Club.

d. COT (Shawna) - No meeting.

e. Off-campus Renter Center Board (Pappas) - A full board meeting will be held April 20.

f. SPA (Jones) - No meeting.

g. UC Board (Engelson) - The search for a new UC director is in progress. Senators should contact their groups and let them know applications are available for requesting office space in the UC.

h. University Affairs (Holmes) - SB64 has been postponed.

i. Transportation (Pappas) - A sign-up sheet was circulated for volunteers for Rock and Roll Week. The new bus route has been approved. New bike racks are located by the Social Science Building.

j. Suggestion Box (Alvarez) - None

k. Publications Board (Wolff) - Applications are available for editor and business manager of Kaimin.

l. Elections (Engelson) - The committee verified all petitions.

m. The Radio Board selected Scott Calanca as the new General Manager.
Unfinished Business

To see a list of resolutions with the action taken on them noted and the resolutions currently being considered in their entirety, please go to: http://www.umt.edu/asum/government/resolution.htm

a. SB57-03/04 A Resolution to amend Bylaws to grant the Elections Committee the Discretion to Implement Online Elections (Exhibit B) was moved by Flint-Engelson. A previous question call by Hagen-Chartier failed. The following amendments were made in committee: delete the 2nd sentence under “A.”; Under “a.” add “each day” at the end of the second sentence; in the 4th sentence, change “University” to “ASUM”. After previous question calls by Hagen and Chartier (2) failed, the amended resolution passed after a previous question call by Hagen.

b. SB58-03/04 Resolution urging Ratification of Memorandum of Understanding was postponed until next by a directive from the Chair, followed by a motion by Flint-Pavlish, which passed, to consider SB65 next on the agenda.

c. SB65-03/04 Resolution to Increase Montana Kaimin' Mandatory Fee - $2.00/Academic Semester (Exhibit C). A motion by Flint-Wolff to strike the referendum and 10th whereas failed after previous questions calls by Holmes (failed), Cossitt (failed) and Ziegler. The following amendments were adopted with no objection: change "$4.00" to "$2.00" in the second sentence of the referendum; delete the 3rd sentence of the referendum. After a previous question call by Cossitt, the amended resolution passed, followed by a motion by Pavlish to consider SB58 next on the agenda, which was adopted with unanimous consent.

d. SB58-03/04 Resolution urging Ratification of Memorandum of Understanding (Exhibit D). Previous question calls by Hagen and Ziegler failed. A motion by Helling-Winkle to recommit failed after a previous question call by Engelson. After a previous question call by Ziegler, the resolution passed.

*Five-minute recess

e. SB59-03/04 Resolution to Amend By-Laws, Article IV, Section 8 - Publications Board (Exhibit E) was adopted by unanimous consent on a motion by Welsh.

f. SB61-03/04 To Send to Referendum - Resolution to Increase Student Activity Fee (Exhibit E) failed 10Y, 11N on a roll call vote (see Tally Sheet) after previous question calls by Holmes (failed), Ziegler (failed), Green (failed) and Cossitt (passed).

g. SB62-03/04 Resolution to Amend the Bylaws, Article IV, Sections 9 and 12 - in committee

*Five-minute recess

h. SB63-03/04 Resolution to amend Article V, Sections 1-3 of the ASUM Bylaws was recommitted on a motion by Holmes-Hagen after previous question calls by Holmes and Ziegler failed and Pavlish passed.

i. SB64-03/04 Resolution for Freshman Independence - in committee

j. SB66-03/04 Resolution to send Athletic Fee Increase to Student Referendum (Exhibit G) was moved by Engelson-Pavlish. The author amended
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the descriptive paragraph in the referendum to read as follows: "The Athletic Department and the University Administration are have proposed an increase to the current $30.00 a per semester, athletic fee that full-time students pay. The extra funds would be utilized to ensure Departmental fiscal stability. The Athletic Department and the University Administration proposed raising the $30.00 fee to $45.00 a per semester for 2004-2005, and finally $60.00 a per semester for 2005-2006. The $60.00 a per semester athletic fee would become permanent." An amendment by Winkle-Wolff to amend the YES/NO statements to read as follows passed after a previous question call by Winkle: "YES - I support an increase in the athletic fee. NO - I do not support an increase in the athletic fee." After previous question calls by Ziegler (failed) and Wolff (passed), the resolution as amended passed 18Y, 1N on a roll call vote (see Tally Sheet).

k. SB67-03/04 was under the UNFINISHED BUSINESS agenda in error. It was passed in under the Business Manager's Report.

New Business
a. Resolution to amend Bylaws  
b. Resolution on Board of Regents request  
c. Resolution on athletic fee

Comments
The Chair limited comments 3 minutes. An appeal by Flint failed after his previous question call.

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Carol Hayes  
ASUM Office Manager
Resolution to Amend Fiscal Policy Section 23

Whereas, the amount of student groups that request funds and the amount student groups request are gradually increasing,

Whereas, money not used by student groups is pooled into the Zero-Based Carryover account,

Whereas, the Zero-Based Carryover account does not require money in excess of $100,000,

Whereas, an additional $5,000 could benefit a number student groups in annual budgeting,

Therefore Let It Be Resolved that the Senate of the Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) amends Fiscal Policy Section 23 to read:

23.0 ZERO-BASED CARRYOVER
23.1 At the end of each fiscal year, any unexpended amounts remaining in organizational accounts not specified in line 10.5 will revert to the Zero-Based Carryover Account.
23.2 During Final Budgeting, the Senate may transfer money from the Zero-Based Carryover account to the General Fund with a 4/5 vote.
23.2.1 The Senate may only transfer funds if the Zero-Based Carryover account exceeds $75,000 and the account cannot be reduced below this base amount.
23.2.2 The maximum amount that can be transferred from the Zero-Based Carryover account to the General Fund during final budgeting is $5,000.
23.2.3 Any use of Zero-Based Carryover funds must be approved by a 2/3 majority vote of the Board on Budget and Finance and a 2/3 majority vote of Senate.
23.3 Zero-Based Carryover funds shall not be used to increase or used in place of Special Allocation funds or Travel Special Allocation funds.
23.4 In case the 5% reserve in the Special Allocations - Travel account is not sufficient to cover an unforeseen or emergency travel request after scheduled lobbying, the Board on Budget and Finance may approve, with a 4/5 majority of members, an a new allocation withdrawn from Zero Base Carryover. Approval of such action by the Senate requires a 2/3 majority.

Authored by: Senator Christopher Healong
A Resolution to Amend Bylaws to Grant the Elections Committee the Discretion to Implement Online Elections

Whereas, other campuses have seen increased turnout in student elections when online elections have been used, and

Whereas, the feasibility of online voting through existing software has been demonstrated.

Therefore Let It Be Resolved that the Senate of the Associated Students of the University of Montana amends Article V, Section 3 of the bylaws to read:

"A. The elections committee shall have the discretion of using either paper ballots or online ballots, but not both. This decision must be made and announced prior to the beginning of the campaigning period.

1. If the elections committee chooses to utilize paper ballots, the following procedures must be followed:

A- a. More than one voting area may be established, the amount of which and locations to be decided at the discretion of the Elections Committee, of which one location shall be the University Center, and shall be shielded from traffic. The polls for the general election shall be open for at least two consecutive days and shall be open for at least seven hours each day. The polls for the primary election shall be open for at least one day, on a Wednesday, and shall be open for at least seven hours. The amount of hours and days of additional polling sites are to be established at the discretion of the Elections Committee. The polls for the general election shall be staffed by a non-University organization or [insert: with a member of the Elections Committee or a current ASUM Senator, not running for ASUM office, in attendance at all times. A designee may staff a polling site, conditional upon the pre-approval of the Elections Committee.

+ b. The University of Montana College of Technology East and West campuses shall have one voting area set up at each campus; the specific area will be at the discretion of an Elections Committee member. The polls shall be staffed by a non-University organization, with a member of the Elections Committee in attendance at all times.

2.-c. To vote at the East or West campus of the College of Technology, a member must present any form of photo identification and must sign his/her name on a roster of students provided by the Registrar's office. To vote on the main campus, a member must present a Griz Card.

d. No groups shall be allowed to share the polling facilities set up by the Elections Committee. The polling facilities are defined as whatever locations the Elections Committee has decided upon, one of which shall be the main floor of the UC.

e. Absentee ballots shall be available from the Elections Committee five days before the election date and must be immediately completed and sealed in an envelope signed by the voter across the seal.

2. If the elections committee chooses to utilize online ballots, the following procedures must be followed:
a. The online polls for the general election shall be open for at least two consecutive days for twenty-four hours. Polls for a primary election shall be open for at least one day, a Wednesday, for twenty-four hours. Online balloting mechanisms used shall provide for the integrity of the student’s ballot through effective measures ensuring that no student casts a vote in the name of another student and that no student’s right to a secret ballot is compromised. The election committee shall designate one University non-student employee who may have access to all elections results in order to provide for human oversight to prevent election fraud. In the case that grievances are filed concerning the election process, the Elections Committee is authorized to review all election-related documents while in executive session.

B. A primary election shall be held for each officer position having more than two candidates. If a primary election is held, the two candidates for each position with the highest number of primary votes will enter the general election. The polls for the primary election shall be open for one day, on a Wednesday, and shall be open for at least seven hours.

C. The ballots for a primary election will consist of the names of the candidates for the two officer races consisting of more than two candidates or teams of candidates. The names of the candidates shall be rotated on the ballots, within each candidate section, and an equal number of each version of the ballot shall be printed if feasible.

D. A primary election shall be held for Senate candidates if there are over 40 individuals seeking office.

E. The ballots for a general election shall consist of three: one for the President-Vice President candidates, one for the Business Manager candidates, and one for the Senate candidates. The names of the candidates shall be rotated on the ballots, within each candidate section, and equal numbers of each version of the ballot shall be printed.

F. All students who are registered for one credit or more are allowed to vote in any ASUM election. In a primary election, each student may vote for as many candidates as may advance to the general election. In a general election, each student may vote for one candidate for each executive position and for as many as twenty senate candidates.

G. Absentee ballots shall be available from the Elections Committee five days before the election date and must be immediately completed and sealed in an envelope signed by the voter across the seal.

H. No groups shall be allowed to share the polling facilities set up by the Elections Committee. The polling facilities are defined as whatever locations the Elections Committee has decided upon, one of which shall be the main floor of the UC.

authorized by: Matt Seager, SPA Director
sponsored by: Avriel Wolff, ASUM Business Manager

Passed 4/1/04
Resolution to Increase Montana Kaimin Mandatory Fee - $2.00/Academic Semester

Whereas, the Publications Board has initiated an effort to increase ASUM oversight of the Montana Kaimin financial budgets,

Whereas, after examining the Montana Kaimin’s FY2004 budget, it has become apparent that a fee increase of $2.00 per academic semester is needed to ensure the Montana Kaimin remains a viable organization on campus, and competitive within its respective market,

Whereas, a $2.00 increase in the mandatory Montana Kaimin fee would raise approximately $45,000 a year which could subsequently be spent on increased compensation for the over 50 student employees,

Whereas, the newly generated funds would help pay for much needed technological upgrades such as new computers, new computer software, and new digital cameras,

Whereas, the newly generated funds would allow the Montana Kaimin to publish longer papers with more content,

Whereas, the newly generated funds would also address the rising costs of operating the Montana Kaimin, printing costs alone continue to rise on average, 7%-10% a year,

Whereas, an alternative to not increasing the mandatory fee could mean reduced numbers of the Game Day issue during football games, a decrease in the circulation of the weekly paper from 6,000 to 5,000, or possibly reducing the number of days the Montana Kaimin is published,

Whereas, the above alternatives would be severely detrimental to the prestige of the Montana Kaimin, and detrimental to the general campus population and their ability to receive important campus information,

Whereas, it is clear that a modest $2.00 per semester (autumn and spring) fee increase would help to sustain an important student run, campus institution,

Whereas, fee increases of this nature should be decided by the student body during the general elections as a referendum.

Therefore Let It Be Resolved that the Senate of the Associated Students of The University of Montana (ASUM) supports an increase of $2.00 per semester (autumn and spring) to the current mandatory operational fee for the Montana Kaimin.

And Let It Be Further Resolved that the Senate of ASUM send to referendum for a student vote, the following language:
Referendum to Increase Kaimin Operating Fee

The Senate of the Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) has approved a referendum motion to increase the Montana Kaimin operating fee. Currently, students pay $4.00 a semester (autumn and spring only) to receive the Montana Kaimin. $2.00 goes towards Montana Kaimin operating costs, while the other $2.00 pays for recycling. The Senate proposes an increase in $2.00 a semester to help pay for rising operating costs, to make technological improvements and adjust employee compensation.

**YES - I Support the $2.00 a semester fee increase.**

**NO - I Do Not Support the $2.00 a semester fee increase.**

Authored By:

Senator Robert J. Welsh

Endorsed By:

President Aaron Flint
Business Manager Averiel Wolff
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
DATE TO BE ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO PASSAGE

The University of Montana
The Associated Students of The University of Montana

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSESSMENT

The University of Montana collects an Administrative Assessment from the ASUM for services related to general administration. The amount is detailed in the calculation of the Administrative Assessment provided annually to the President, Executive Officers, and the Budget Planning Committee for review and approval. The University of Montana administration will provide by 1 February of each year, a preliminary estimate of the amount of the assessment for purposes of ASUM budgeting.

GENERAL FUND SUPPORT OF ASUM

The ASUM will not receive funding from the General Fund via ASUM Support in amounts agreed upon by the President of The University of Montana and the President of the Associated Students of The University of Montana.

BUDGETING OF ASUM FROM THE GENERAL FUND

Beginning with funding for Fiscal Year 2005-06, the Associated Students of The University of Montana retain full discretion in the ability to allocate the general fund appropriation, amount stated below, to any organization and student group as the ASUM so chooses. The ASUM will annually submit a budget request to The University of Montana outlining funding allocations to organizations and student groups as decided upon by the ASUM, in accordance with the budget preparation instructions for the entire campus.

GENERAL FUND BASE

Total Funding Base to equal $45,000.00

The Memorandum of Understanding of 16 August 1994 shall be void upon collected signatures from both parties listed below.

George M. Dennison, President
The University of Montana
University of Montana

Aaron Flint, President
The Associated Students of The
Resolution Urging Ratification of Memorandum of Understanding

Whereas, the current memorandum of understanding, signed in 1994, which governs the $45,000.00 general fund allocation, is outdated,

Whereas, within the current memorandum of understanding, certain portions of responsibility have changed over time, including the recommended funding levels,

Whereas, updating the memorandum of understanding is important because it clarifies old guidelines and establishes new ones, which will be better for future Senates and Administration alike,

Therefore Let It Be Resolved that the Senate of The Associated Students of The University of Montana (ASUM) submit for ratification to both Aaron Flint, President of ASUM, and George Dennison, President of The University of Montana, the following memorandum of understanding:

(See on reverse )

Authored By:

Senator Robert J. Welsh
Resolution to Amend By-Laws, Article IV, Section 8 - Publications Board

Whereas, it has been suggested by members of the Montana Kaimin that a useful role Publications Board should play is the monthly review of the Montana Kaimin finances,

Whereas, this role is important in order to ensure the Montana Kaimin finances receive adequate review on a month to month basis to verify financial accuracy and increase financial accountability,

Whereas, in order to ensure that an accurate financial review is attempted each month, the ASUM Office Accountant should be added as an ex-officio, non-voting member,

Therefore Let It Be Resolved that the Senate of the Associated Students of The University of Montana (ASUM) amends By-Laws, Article IV, Section 8 to read:

Section 8. Publications Board:
A. The Publications Board will consist of seven voting members, chaired by the ASUM Business manager, who votes only in case of ties. The Pub Board will include one ASUM Senator and one student-at-large position, the Kaimin Editor, Business Manager, and Faculty Advisor, and a Business School faculty member appointed by the Dean of the Business School, who will be voting members of the Board. The ASUM Office Accountant shall serve as an ex-officio, non-voting, member on the Publications Board.
B. The Board shall be responsible for appointing the Editor and Business Manager of the Montana Kaimin. Additionally, the Board shall appoint the Editor and Business Manager of Cutbank and any other ASUM-funded student publications.
C. The Board shall oversee the general operations of ASUM-funded publications, without infringing on First Amendment rights.
D. The Publications Board, upon request to the Montana Kaimin Business Manager, shall review the financial budget(s) of the Montana Kaimin operations. The Publications Board shall conduct a financial review at least once a month during the academic year.

Authored By: Senator Robert J. Welsh
To Send to Referendum - Resolution to Increase Student Activity Fee

Whereas, the Senate of the Associated Students of The University of Montana (ASUM) recently approved the amended recommendations for the fiscal year 2004-05 budget,

Whereas, on a budget of $695,000.00, the Senate received requests of over $1,000,000.00 from various student groups and ASUM agencies,

Whereas, the current $30.00 a semester activity fee has not been raised in a long time and it has been impossible to keep up with increased budget requests,

Whereas, the activities that ASUM is supporting, while worthwhile to students, has caused the ASUM Administrative Assessment to rise $10,000.00 dollars in the last year,

Whereas, many important agencies such as ASUM Legal Services have had to increase the size of their budgets in order to meet the demand for services offered,

Whereas, an example of expanding student participation is in the Sports Union, which asked for almost $200,000.00 and was budgeted a little over $30,000.00,

Whereas, more students groups are requesting money from the ASUM for yearly operating fees, and the size of the ASUM budget is remaining static,

Whereas, a modest increase of $2.50 per semester, per full time student, would generate approximately $60,000 to help ASUM keep up with the ever increasing demands by agencies and student groups,

Therefore Let It Be Resolved that the Senate of the Associated Students of The University of Montana (ASUM) supports sending to student referendum the following:

Referendum To Raise Student Activity Fee

In order to meet the increasing demand on the ASUM yearly budget, the Senate has proposed to increase the Student Activity fee by $2.50, to $32.50 a semester, or $65.00 a year. All graduate and undergraduate students registered for seven (7) or more credits are required to pay the fee. The fee is optional for students taking less than seven (7) credits.

YES - I support the $2.50 per semester increase to the student activity fee.

NO - I do not support the $2.50 per semester increase to the student activity fee.

Authored By: Senator Robert J. Welsh

[Signature]

[Date] 10/11/02
[Signature]
Resolution To Send Athletic Fee Increase to Student Referendum

Whereas, the Athletic Department and the University Administration have proposed increases to the student athletic fee from $30.00, currently, to $45.00 for 2004-2005, to $60.00 for 2005-2006,

Whereas, the proposed fee increase is highly significant, and an accurate method to ensure student participation in the decision making-process is to hold a referendum,

Whereas, the Administration recently withdrew the fee proposal from the Montana Board of Regents agenda, but has indicated that a fee increase is still the Administration choice of action,

Therefore Let It Be Resolved that the Senate of the Associated Students of The University of Montana (ASUM) send to referendum the following, based on existing knowledge of the fee increase proposal:

Referendum Regarding Athletic Fee Increase

The Athletic Department and the University Administration are proposing an increase to the current $30.00 a semester, athletic fee that full-time students pay. The extra funds would be utilized to ensure Departmental fiscal stability. The Athletic Department and the University Administration propose raising the $30.00 fee to $45.00 a semester for 2004-2005, and finally $60.00 a semester for 2005-2006. The $60.00 a semester athletic fee would become permanent.

___ YES – I support the proposed athletic fee increase as explained above.

___ NO – I do not support the proposed athletic fee increase as explained above.

Authored By: Senator Robert J. Welsh

Endorsed by: Averiel Wolff, ASUM Business Manager
Gale Price, ASUM Vice President
Kyle Engelson, ASUM Senator
Vinnie Pavlish, ASUM Senator