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ASUM SENATE AGENDA
Wednesday, November 30, 2011
COT West Campus TT11 – 6 P.M.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 9, 2011

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- a. Christmas Party
- b. Board of Regents
- c. Missoula Economic Project
- d. Nomination for Student Charter Day Award
- e. Other

6. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- a. Knowing Our Community
- b. Committee Appointments and Removals
- c. University Committee Situation Update
- d. Other

7. BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

SPECIAL ALLOCATION - \$15,097.10

STIP - \$156, 299.17

TRAVEL SPECIAL ALLOCATION - \$14,891.18

ZERO-BASE CARRYOVER - \$177,213.67

- a. Enjoying Life Sober Special Allocation Request - \$295.00/188.00
- b. Emerging Ceramic Artists Special Allocation Request - \$600.00/600.00
- c. Other

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. SB16-11/12 – Resolution Regarding On-Campus Parking
- b. SB19-11/12 – Resolution Regarding The Wilderness and Roadless Area Release Act,
HR1581

10. NEW BUSINESS

11. COMMENTS

12. ADJOURNMENT

ASUM SENATE MINUTES
Wednesday, November 30, 2011
College of Technology (COT) West Campus TT11 - 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 (6:10), Boslough, Brown, Coon, Dantic, Ellis, Haefner, Hohman (6:14), Klapmeier, LaFortune, Molgaard, Nielsen, Overturf, Selph, Simpson, Springmeyer (6:02), Summers, Suzuki, Williams, M. and Williams, T.

The minutes from the November 9, 2011 meeting were approved.

Public Comment

- o Emily Downing and Christy Curd of the UM Wilderness Association, UM Climate Action Now (UMCAN) and the Student Recreation Association spoke in support of SB19-11/12.

The chair recognized the presence of Senator Springmeyer.

- o David Wise, student, spoke on his own behalf as a concerned citizen wanting his voice to be heard as part of the democratic process. He has been frustrated in his efforts to express his opinion of HR1581 and asked the Senate to pass SB19-11/12.
- o Crystal Franchuk and Jennifer Gardner, representing the student group Enjoying Life Sober (ELS), spoke to the importance of offering students activities not focused on the consumption of alcohol and asked the Senate to support the ELS Special Allocation Request.
- o Aleta Jokisch, President, and Tyler McRae, Vice President, of UMCAN, informed the Senate of the group's unanimous support for SB19-11/12.
- o Sarah Tancred, Secretary, and Lee Stuurmans, acting Vice President, of UM Emerging Ceramic Artists, explained the need of ASUM support for funding visits by visiting artists and asked for approval of the group's Special Allocation Request.

The chair recognized the presence of Senator Bennett.

There was objection to a call for unanimous consent of a motion by **Suzuki-Bennett** to take up SB19-11/12 (Exhibit A). The motion passed 19-2 on a roll call vote. (see Tally Sheet)

The chair recognized the presence of Senator Hohman.

A motion by **Suzuki** to add the word "federal" to lines 21 and 24 was accepted as friendly. A motion by **Boslough** to strike ".5" from line 24 was accepted as friendly. A motion by **Klapmeier-Williams, M.** to table the resolution for a week failed 9-13 on a roll call vote. (see Tally Sheet) A motion by **Nielsen-Bennett** to approve the resolution as amended passed 13-9 on a roll call vote. (see Tally Sheet)

President's Report

- a. Mountainside Chat: David Beck, President of Faculty Senate and Chair of Native American Studies, emphasized the significance of course cross-listing. When courses are cross-listed they can be listed by more than one department and students can earn credit in the department of their choice. Cross-listing was eliminated following a Board of Regents (BOR) decision requiring all Montana state universities to use a common course numbering system. This concerned faculty because not having cross-listed courses can disadvantage students when applying for graduate school. The faculty shared their concerns with the Provost and President last spring. A study conducted over the summer determined that it would be feasible to return to cross-listing and, as a result, a pilot project will begin next fall.
- b. The Senate Christmas party scheduled for December 9 has been moved to December 8 because of football playoffs. The event starts at 6:30 p.m. and will be catered. President Gursky asked that the value of gifts for the exchange be limited to \$10.00.
- c. BOR meeting summary:
 - 1) Curry Health Center (CHC) requested funding for renovations and this was approved during the November 17 and 18 BOR meeting. There is space for a senator interested in serving on a project committee - preferably someone already familiar with CHC services.
 - 2) President Gursky voiced concern to members of the BOR that a newly appointed, and not an interim, Commissioner of Higher Education be in place in time for the next state legislative session.
 - 3) Program alignment was also discussed at the BOR meeting. This is an assessment that might result in shifting of sparsely utilized programs on one campus to different institutions within the state.
 - 4) The University of Montana (UM) and Montana State University (MSU) were asked to provide suggestions for how self evaluation would occur in order to determine performance based funding. Possible criteria include

graduation rates, retention rates, student success, etc. The UM and MSU are to come up with their own proposals for self-evaluation. Each of the aforementioned topics offers an opportunity for student involvement.

- d. The Missoula Economic Partnership is a public/private partnership that works collaboratively to facilitate business development and, more specifically of interest to students, create jobs. The one to two year plan is to bring 2500 new jobs to the area through investment procurement. Forty-five jobs have been added already this fiscal year.
- e. There is no established process for the Charter Day ASUM Student Service Award nomination. Basically, ASUM is looking for a student who has performed extensive and substantial service to the student body. President Gursky would like nominations from senators by December 2.

Vice President's Report

- a. Know Our Community - Rebecca Pershouse, Treasurer of the Music Union (MU), shared information on upcoming end-of-the-semester performances by member groups, of which there are currently fifteen. In addition to performing and touring, an important mission of the MU is education through the availability of master classes and the by bring established performers to campus.
- b. Committee Appointments and Removals - A motion by **Bennett-Boslough** to approve the appointment of Senator Hohman to the Degree Audit Committee as a slate passed with unanimous consent on a motion by **Sims**.
- c. The UM Administration has been working with ASUM on university committees and a task force co-chaired by Vice President Edmunds has been established. The task force will be collecting all the data, governing documents, etc. needed to update university committees information for posting online. Vice President Edmunds hopes to accomplish this by spring semester.
- d. Vice President Edmunds asked senators to turn in their responses to the Leadership Seminar worksheet. Senate responses will help the University Center with the establishment of a leadership class.
- e. Vice President Edmunds and President Gursky will be on campus during winter session and would appreciate hearing from senators who will also be available to help with tasks.
- f. The Senate sang happy birthday to President Gursky and pledged a group hug following the meeting.

Business Manager's Report

- a. A motion by **Williams, M.- Molgaard** to approve \$188.00 for the Enjoying Life Sober Special Allocation Request, and recommended by the Budget and Finance committee (B&F) for same, passed with unanimous consent by voice vote.
- b. A motion by **Edmunds-Nielsen** to approve \$600.00 for the Emerging Ceramic Artists Special Allocation Request, and recommended by B&F for same, passed with unanimous consent by voice vote.
- c. Business Manager Sims alerted the Senate to the forthcoming request by ASUM Transportation for approval to purchase three buses.

Committee and Board Reports

- a. Wizarding (G. Wiz) - Four reports (fireworks) will be delivered following the group hug.
- b. Information Technology (Haefner) - The ASUM webmaster internship position has been posted. Tech savvy folks are encouraged to apply.
- c. Campus Recreation (CR) (Selph) - The first meeting has been scheduled for December 6, at 10:30 a.m., in the CR building.
- d. Legal Oversight (Bennett) - The board met and reviewed the Legal Services budget. The board is working to spread information on student rights. A thank you card for Judge Loudon, who is retiring, was passed around.
- e. Board on Members (Overturf) - A motion by **Dantic-Williams, T.** to approve the slate of student groups recommended for recognition (Exhibit B) passed with unanimous consent on a motion by **Suzuki.**
- f. Student Political Action (SPA) (Nielsen) - Thirty-eight people attended the "The Politics of Poverty" panel, November 17. Two panelists were unable to attend. SPA is planning some spring events, including debates and a forum on how to lobby your legislator. The Tunnel of Oppression committee met earlier in the day. Student groups are welcome to submit proposals.
- g. Child Care (Coon) - The board will meet December 7, at 11:00 a.m. The annual Christmas party and sing-along is tentatively scheduled for December 8.
- h. Relations and Affairs (R&A) (Suzuki) - The committee met November 28, to consider one new resolution. The vote for a do-pass recommendation was 5-1.
- i. American Disabilities Act (ADA) (Suzuki) - The committee met two weeks ago. Three priorities for increased

accessibility on campus have been identified: the Liberal Arts building elevators, the Music building elevator and the Fine Arts Building.

- j. COT (LaFortune) - The committee met earlier in the day. The committee will be making use of a ASUM bulletin board located at the East campus COT. So far there are four COT-specific student groups.
- k. Sports Union (Ellis) - The next meeting is December 5, at 7 p.m.
- l. UM Productions (Hohman) - The board will be holding its first meeting December 1.
- m. Outreach (Simpson) - The committee has decided to split into two subcommittees: Outreach, chaired by Senator Dantic, and Marketing, chaired by Senator Simpson. Submissions have been accepted for the ASUM Newsletter to be compiled December 5. The Stress Less Fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the UC Atrium December 6, 7 and 8. A signup sheet for one hour volunteer slots was passed around.
- n. University Center (UC) (Dantic) - The grand opening of the new Tech Lounge starts at 4 p.m., December 5. The next board meeting is from 12:30 to 2 p.m., December 9, in the Alumni Boardroom.
- o. Sustainability (Springmeyer) - A forum on the proposed biomass plant will be held at noon in the UC Theater, December 1. Vice President Durringer will be there and all are encouraged to attend and ask questions.
- p. Music Union (Williams, M.) - Chair Williams encouraged everyone to attend the upcoming performances.
- q. Housing (Williams, M.) - The Housing Board will be meeting next at 8 a.m., December 2, in the ASUM conference room to discuss plans for the spring.
- r. Strategic Planning (Gursky) - The December 1 meeting has been changed to next week. Strategic objectives were identified at the November retreat and President Gursky hopes to have a document to put before the Senate by next week.
- s. Housing (Brown) - As a follow up to the recent North American Students of Cooperation conference the Housing Board will be meeting with the Missoula Housing Authority. Senator Brown also provided an update on the February Powershift conference, including a \$4000 pledge by the MSU President.
- t. Vice President Edmunds reminded senators of their new office hour tasks, the last ones of the semester.
- u. Transportation (Williams, T.) - Director Nancy Wilson will be speaking to the Senate next week about the

purchase of three buses for \$200,000. The funds will come from the ASUM Transportation budget but Senate approval is needed. Everyone is invited to the next meeting of the board, December 6, at 2:30 p.m.

Unfinished Business

- a. SB16-11/12 - A motion by **Suzuki-Dantic** to table the resolution indefinitely was approved with unanimous consent on a motion by **Summers**.

New Business

- a. Resolutions amending Bylaws (10)
- b. Resolution regarding strategic planning
- c. Resolutions regarding course cross listing (2)
- d. Resolution regarding ASUM Administration
- e. Resolution regarding Alta Gracia apparel
- f. Resolution regarding smoking policy
- g. Resolution regarding University Administration
- h. Resolutions amending House Rules (2)
- i. Resolutions amending Fiscal Policy (2)
- j. Resolution regarding logo
- k. Resolution regarding Arabic Minor
- l. Resolution regarding advising
- m. Resolution regarding ASUM generic email
- n. Resolution regarding Mansfield Library
- o. Resolutions regarding student groups
- p. Resolution regarding dead week
- q. Resolution regarding ASUM office
- r. Resolution regarding biomass dialogue
- s. Resolution regarding ASUM Mission Statement
- t. Resolution regarding ROTC training
- u. Resolution regarding Grizzly Athletics recognition

A motion by **Molgaard-Suzuki** to reconsider SB19-11/12 passed 13-9 on a roll call vote. (see Tally Sheet) **Summers-Sims** motioned to strike lines 20-46 and replace them with, "Whereas, the students of The University of Montana value democratic process and open avenues of participation." Previous question was called by **Williams, M.-Haefner** and approved by voice vote. The motion to strike lines 20-46 failed 12-9-1 on a roll call vote, a two-thirds majority being required. (see Tally Sheet) A motion by **Haefner-Williams, M.** to table the resolution until the next meeting passed 17-5 on a roll call vote. (see Tally Sheet)

A motion by **Williams, T.-Gursky** to return to New Business was approved with unanimous consent on a motion by **Suzuki**. The

following items were added to New Business: Resolution regarding HR1581 and Resolution regarding student privacy.

A motion by **Springmeyer-Brown** to skip Comments passed with unanimous consent on a motion by **Bennett**.

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Phoebe Hunter
ASUM Office Manager