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ASUM SENATE AGENDA
Wednesday, February 1, 2012
University Center 330/331 – 6 P.M.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 25, 2012

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- a. President's update
- b. Other

6. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- a. Committee Appointments
- b. Committee report submissions
- c. Student group liaisons
- d. Other

7. BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

SPECIAL ALLOCATION - \$13,509.10

STIP - \$189, 873.08

TRAVEL SPECIAL ALLOCATION - \$14,891.18

ZERO-BASE CARRYOVER - \$177,148.53

- a. Le Cercle Francophone Special Allocation Request - \$1125.00/573.00
- b. Fiscal Policy changes
- c. Other

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. SB30-11/12 – Resolution Regarding Campus Safe Learning Environment
- b. SB31-11/12 – Resolution Amending Election Bylaws
- c. SB32-11/12 – Resolution Amending Bylaws

10. NEW BUSINESS

11. COMMENTS

12. ADJOURNMENT

ASUM SENATE MINUTES
Wednesday, February 1, 2012
UC 330/331 – 6 p.m.

President Gursky called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Present: President Gursky, Business Manager Sims, Professor Smith; and Senators Bennett, Boslough, Brown (6:27), Coon, Dantic, Haefner, Hohman, Klapmeier, LaFortune, Molgaard, Nielsen, Overturf, Selph, Springmeyer, Suzuki, Williams, M. and Williams, T. Excused: Vice President Edmunds and Senator Simpson. Unexcused: Senator Ellis.

The minutes from the January 25, meeting were approved.

Public Comment - none

President's Report

- a. President Gursky expressed her wish to broach the topic of first response to sexual assault on campus and reserved the right to invite Dean Couture to speak to the Senate about the steps that can be taken for victims and witnesses of sexual assault. No objections to his invitation.
- b. President Gursky stated that the Campus Architect, Jameel Chaudhry, is planning to attend next week's meeting to present his architectural drafts for the redesign of the ASUM office. President Gursky stated that the project would likely be unable to be phased but that a full conversation could be had with Mr. Chaudhry after his proposal.

Vice President's Report

- a. Vice President Edmunds was absent for the meeting and was substituted by President Gursky. President Gursky read an e-mail from Vice President Edmunds in lieu of his report (Exhibit A).

Business Manager's Report

- a. A Special Allocation Request was submitted by the group Le Cercle Francophone to pay for ad space in the Missoulian as well as rental fees to show in the UC Theater. A motion by **Coon-Molgaard** to approve the Budget and Finance Committee recommendation of \$573.00 passed with unanimous consent on a voice vote.
- b. There being no objection, item B, Fiscal Policy Changes, was moved to Unfinished Business, item D.
- c. Budget information will be sent out via e-mail and all student group budgets are due in the ASUM Administrative office by 5:00 p.m., February 9.

Committee and Board Reports

- a. Relations and Affairs (Suzuki) – The committee met January 30. All the resolutions on the agenda received unanimous do-pass recommendations.
- b. Interview (Suzuki) – Chair Suzuki requested members of the committee meet with him following adjournment to discuss the hiring for the open ASUM Senate seat and Communications Coordinator position.

- c. University Center (UC) (Dantic) - The next meeting of the board is February 10, from 2-4pm.
- d. Transportation (Williams, T.) - The board met at 8:30, February 1, to discuss further action for parking on campus. The committee also discussed and supported Business Manager Sims's resolution that will be brought forward next week. New projects for next semester and next year will be presented to the Senate when more information is available.
- e. General Education (Klapmeier) – The committee is recommending changes to the foreign language general education requirement that would make foreign language mandatory for any student enrolled in a first-degree program requiring 48 credits or more for graduation. As of the report, there was no test-out option expressed in the new wording (Exhibit B). Senator Klapmeier was concerned that the new requirement would slow down the students in programs unrelated to foreign language study and prevent them from graduating in four years. He also stated that Spanish is already struggling to keep up with demands as the most popular foreign language, and requiring incoming freshman to take foreign language will increase its burden, at odds with the committee's assumption that students will go for underrepresented languages such as Arabic or Chinese. Senator Klapmeier requested a five minute moderated caucus to discuss the issue. Motion to allow a five minute moderated caucus by **Sims-Molgaard** was approved by voice.
- f. Board on Members (Overturf) - A motion by **Dantic-Neilsen** to approve recognition for the slate of approved groups passed with unanimous consent by voice vote (Exhibit C).
- g. Housing (Williams, M.) – The board met February 1, at 5pm to approve the new mission statement for the Off-Campus Renter Center. Also, she reported that the Neighborhood Ambassadors have all been hired, and their training starts February 3, from 3-5pm. The board meets every Wednesday at 5pm.
- h. Student Political Action (Nielsen) – The committee met February 1, at 3pm to discuss some of the events being planned for the upcoming semester. Chair Nielsen advised the Tunnel of Oppression Committee meets Wednesdays at 10am and Student Political Action meets Wednesdays at 3pm.
- i. Budget and Finance (Sims) - The new regular meeting time for the committee has been moved to Monday at 3pm.
- j. Wizarding (Professor G. Wiz) - The Wizarding Committee has been working on a remote luminosity beacon notification system (RLBNS). This system would be used in times of great need, when student forces need to be marshaled to support a quality education and an engaged student government. The RLBNS system is patterned after that used on April 18, 1775 by Robert Newman, the sexton of the North Church, to let Paul Revere know the route of the British soldiers. To use the RLBNS, one simply places the condenser vertical notifier near a window and doses it with alternate aliquots of 3-aminophthalhydrazide in NaOH and hydrogen peroxide plus a potassium ferricyanide catalyst. Pulses of 427 nanometer bluish-green light are a universal distress signal to be interpreted by all ASUM-dues paying students to take a strong stance against academic erosion.

President's Report Continued

- c. Dean Couture mentioned a good Article in the Kaimin (Exhibit D) about on and off campus options for sexual assault victims. He stated The University could be criticized

for not having an official policy for sexual assault and rape, but that when he spoke with President Engstrom he indicated a policy will be drafted, finalized, and distributed by the end of February. There is a University Council meeting on February 7, in UC 332/333, a community forum on February 7, from 5-7pm, and a participatory input meeting on February 13, in the UC Ballroom.

- d. President Gursky would like to form a taskforce to present ASUM's official response to the new sexual assault policy to the Dean Couture, Public Safety, and other "stake holder" organizations.

President Gursky recognized the presence of Senator Brown.

A motion by **Suzuki-Molgaard** to return to Committee Appointments was approved by voice vote.

Committee and Board Reports continued

- k. A motion by **Suzuki-Sims** to appoint Gayle Price to UM Productions was approved unanimously by voice.

A motion by **Sims-Molgaard** to close Committee Appointments was approved with unanimous consent on a motion by **Sims**.

Unfinished Business

- a. A motion by **Nielsen-Molgaard** to approve changes to fiscal policy (Exhibit E) passed with unanimous consent on a motion by **Suzuki**.
- b. SB30-11/12 (Exhibit F) – A motion by **Suzuki-Williams, M.** to approve passed with unanimous consent on a motion by **Hohman**.
- c. SB32-11/12 (Exhibit G) - A motion by **Nielsen-Molgaard** to approve passed with unanimous consent on a motion by **Haefner**.
- d. SB31-11/12 (Exhibit H) - A motion by **Nielsen-Dantic** to passed with unanimous consent on a motion by **Hohman**.

New Business

- a. Resolution amending House Rules
- b. Resolution regarding impeachment in the constitution
- c. Resolutions amending Election Bylaws (5)
- d. Resolution regarding UM Administration
- e. Resolutions of recognition (2)
- f. Resolution regarding ASUM conduct code
- g. Resolution regarding building energy efficiency
- h. Resolutions regarding Gilkey Education Center (2)
- i. Resolution regarding Kless Revolving Energy Loan Fund
- j. Resolution regarding child care
- k. Resolution regarding strategic planning
- l. Resolution regarding ASUM reconstruction

Comments

The meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

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