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ASUM SENATE AGENDA

February 12, 2003 - 6:00 p.m.
UC 332-333

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - February 5, 2003
Amend Unfinished Business by adding "k. SB39-02/03 Resolution to amend bylaws - in committee" - as was reported by Zhou under Committee Reports.
4. PUBLIC COMMENT
5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT
 - a. Senate Appointments/Swearing-in
 - b. Alpha Omega House
 - c. American Humanics
 - d. Cubicle Vandalism
 - e. Coke
 - f. Student Regent
 - g. Other
6. VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT
 - a. Committee Removals
 - b. Committee Appointments
 - c. KBGA
 - d. Other
7. BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT
STIP - \$99,928.52
Travel Special Allocation - \$11,174.81 (Spring)
Zero-based Carryover - \$73,542.55
Special Allocation - \$6,351.00
 - a. Camas (STIP) \$1,500/ - in committee
 - b. Taiwanese Student - STIP Request \$500/\$470 - in committee
 - c. SB47-02/03 Resolution Amending Fiscal Policy 9.7
 - d. Other
8. COMMITTEE REPORTS
9. 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. SB10-02/03 Resolution on Free Speech Area - in committee
 - b. SB39-02/03 Resolution to amend bylaws
 - c. SB44-02/03 Resolution in Support of the Implementation of a (+/-) Grading System at the University of Montana
 - d. SB45-02/03 Resolution to Boycott Coca-Cola Products
 - e. SB46-02/03 Resolution in Support of UM International Students
10. NEW BUSINESS
11. COMMENTS
12. ADJOURNMENT

ASUM SENATE TALLY SHEET

DATE February 12, 2003

SENATE MEMBERS

SOPHIA RENA ALVAREZ

MARY BURWELL

THEA DELAMATER

KYLE ENGELSON

AARON FLINT

DUSTIN FROST

NOAH M. GENDER

JESSICA GRENNAN

FLORA LEE

JESSICA MacDONALD

KATRINA MENDREY

BERV NAASZ

THIERRY OUEDRAOGO

COLE PRICE

ALEX M. ROSENLEAF

ALI TABIBNEJAD

ROB WELSH

AVERIEL WOLFF

SICO STEVENS A. YAO

JIN ZHOU

ROLL
CALL

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P	N	Y	N	Y	
6:16	Y	A	N	N	
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P	Y	Y	N	Y	
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6:14	Y	Y	Y	Y	
P	Y	A	Y	Y	

ASUM OFFICERS

JON SWAN

President

CHRISTY SCHILKE

Vice-President

HEATHER O'LOUGHLIN

Business Manager

P	Y	Y	Y	Y	
P	-	-	-	Y	
P	Y	Y	N	Y	

FACULTY ADVISORS

PROFESSOR AUSLAND

PROFESSOR ANDERSON

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P	-	-	-	P	

ASUM SENATE MINUTES
February 12, 2003
UC332-333 - 6:00 p.m.

Chair Schilke called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. Present: Swan, Schilke, O'Loughlin, Alvarez, Burwell, Engelson, Flint, Frost, Genger, Grennan, Lee, MacDonald, Mendrey (7:16), Naasz, Ouedraogo (6:16), Price, Rosenleaf, Tabibnejad, Welsh, Wolff, Yao (6:14) and Zhou. Unexcused was Delameter.

The meeting minutes for February 5, 2003, were approved with the amendment to Unfinished Business: ``k. SB39-02/03 Resolution to amend Bylaws - in committee'' added.

Public Comment

*Erin Thompson, Nathan Queener, Matt Jennings, Ted Morrison and Scott Nicholson spoke in favor of SB45 to boycott Coca Cola products, citing human rights issues and the failure of University administrators to include students in the decision-making process.

The Chair recognized the presence of Yao and Ouedraogo.

*Kris Munson and Ernest Hergert of Lambda Alliance extended an invitation to Senators to attend Lambda's Valentine Dance this Saturday at the Elks Lodge. Proceeds will go in support of Pride Week activities in April.

*Mary Burwell distributed posters for Rape Free Safe Zone and invited Senators to the Vagina Monologues to be held this weekend.

President's Report

a. A motion by **Swan-Tabibnejad** to appoint Jessica MacDonald, Jessica Grennan and Aaron Flint to the vacant Senate positions plus Christian Winkle as an alternate passed. Dean Couture presided at the swearing-in of the three new Senators.

b. Schilke read a letter from the president of Loyola Sacred Heart regarding food distributed to the Alpha Omega House by the school's students during the holidays. One of the House's managers and a resident of the House spoke in regard to the same issue. The group has applied for ASUM recognition, but their packet remains incomplete.

c. Jennifer Moe of the American Humanics group distributed a form for pledging community service and encouraged Senators to take part.

d. Senators were encouraged to talk to student groups about cubicle vandalism.

e. ASUM is accused of being two-faced on the Coke issue, since support was shown for using Coke monies to reduce the surcharge and is now considering a boycott of the product. ASUM's response is that there was no awareness at the time that the contract was as yet unsigned, possible human rights violations weren't known and the fact that students were not included in the decision-making process from the beginning of the negotiations.

f. Governor Martz contends that she ``extended'' the student regent appointment and did not ``reappoint'' him. ASUM is able to use activity fee monies for legal fees on this issue and may consider filing a suit. Talk to Swan for more information.

g. Swan encouraged Senators to be on time for Senate meetings to show respect for their peers and their time.

Vice President's Report

a. The following committee removals passed on a motion by **Schilke-O'Loughlin**: University Affairs - Jessica MacDonald as student-at-large; Radio Board - Noah Genger; Transportation - Jonathan Johnston.

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- b. The following committee appointments passed on a motion by **Schilke-O'Loughlin**: Elections - Lauri Jo Copenhaver, Jessica Grennan, Dawn Payne; University Affairs - Jessica MacDonald, Aaron Flint; Drug and Alcohol Advisory Board - Mary Burwell; ASUM Affairs - Jessica Grennan; SPA - Jessica Grennan, Ben Austin, Sage Rafferety; COT - Aaron Flint; Commencement - Jessica Grennan, Jon Swan; Radio Board - Aaron Flint.
- c. ASUM Senators have been invited to give a weekly preview of Senate activities on KBGA Wednesday mornings at 8:45. Rosenleaf volunteered for next Wednesday.
- d. The first Student Affairs vice-presidential candidate - Bob Thomas - will arrive tomorrow. ASUM is scheduled to meet with him from 8-9 a.m. Friday in UC329.
- e. Senators were encouraged to display Rape Free Safe Zone posters and ribbons to show support and as an educational tool.

Business Manager's Report

- STIP - \$99,928.52
- Zero-Based Carryover - \$73,542.55
- Travel Spec. Allocation - \$11,174.81 (Spring)
- Special Allocation - \$6,501
 - a. Camas (STIP) \$1,500/- in committee
 - b. Taiwanese Students (STIP) \$500/\$470 - in committee
- c. SB47-02/03 Resolution amending Fiscal Policy 9.7 (Exhibit A) passed.
- d. Travel Special Allocation request lobbying was from 5-10:30 last night. \$9,000 is available. Recommendations will be posted Friday. Senate will vote on them next Wednesday.

Committee Reports

- a. ASUM Relations & Affairs (Zhou) - SB39 received a "do not pass" recommendation. Blue board assignments were made.
- b. ASUM IT (Frost) - A report will be given next week.
- c. Board on Membership (Lee) - The following slate of groups was moved by **Lee-O'Loughlin** for recognition approval: Graduate Students of the Department of Society, Wildlands and Environmental Policy; African Students Association, American Fisheries Society.
- d. COT (Tabibnejad) - They will meet at 12:30 next Wednesday at ASUM.
- e. Off-Campus Renter Center (Rosenleaf) - Several responses to the letter sent to City Council have come in. Their ad has been picked up by other stations. Co-op housing continues to be explored.
- f. Interview (Wolff) - There were good candidates for the Senate positions. Due to a busy Spring with budgeting, an alternate was selected.
- g. SPA (Price) - Lobbyist training will be held from 8-2 in UC330-331 on Sunday, February 23. Those unable to attend must contact Schilke.
- h. Transportation (Engelson) - More funding is needed for the Park 'n Ride bus service to purchase at least one additional bus. Walk 'n Roll Week plans are being made.
- i. University Affairs (Tabibnejad) - SB44 and 45 were given "do pass" recommendations. SB46 is in committee.
- j. Suggestion box (Mendrey) - No report.
- k. UC Board (Naasz) - The Board adopted the strategic guidelines passed by Senate. The bike rail proposed by the Office of Transportation was voted down. It may be reconsidered at the next meeting.

Unfinished Business

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The Chair recognized the presence of Mendrey.

a. **Engelson-Tabibnejad** moved to rescind SB35-02/03 Resolution in Support of the University Center Renovation Fee Increase which passed 8Y, 5N, 3A on a roll call vote last week. **Welsh's** objection to consideration failed. After a previous question call by **Price**, the motion passed 16Y 5N on a roll call vote (see Tally Sheet).

b. SB10-02/03 Resolution on Free Speech Area - in committee.

c. SB39-02/03 Resolution to amend Bylaws was withdrawn by the author.

d. SB44-02/03 Resolution in Support of the Implementation of a (+/-) Grading System at the University of Montana Grading System at the University of Montana (Exhibit B) was moved by **O'Loughlin-Rosenleaf**. A motion by **Ouedraogo-Engelson** to postpone SB44 for one week failed on a previous question call by **Tabibnejad**. A friendly amendment formulated by **Engelson-Rosenleaf** to add a final paragraph to read "And let it be further

resolved the Senate of the Associated Students of The University of Montana urges ASCRC, upon completing a final +/- grading system plan, send such plan back to the ASUM Senate for approval" was accepted. The resolution passed 15Y, 4N, 2A on a roll call vote (see Tally Sheet) as amended.

d. SB45-02/03 Resolution to Boycott Coca-Cola Products (Exhibit C) was moved by **O'Loughlin-Welsh**. A friendly amendment by **Price** to replace "forced" to "encouraged" in the seventh whereas was accepted. A friendly amendment by **Genger** to strike the second whereas was not accepted. A second one by him to replace "educated" with "a" and delete the "s" from decisions in the second whereas was accepted. A friendly amendment by **Flint** to replace "a history" with "allegations" in the third whereas was not accepted. A friendly amendment by **Grennan** to strike the paragraphs 3, 4, 6 and 7 was accepted. After a previous question call by **Price**, the resolution as amended failed 8Y, 13N on a roll call vote (see Tally Sheet).

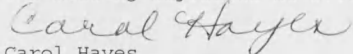
e. SB46-02/03 Resolution in Support of UM International Students - in committee.

New Business

- Resolution to amend Bylaws
- Resolution on Griz Rides
- Resolution on UC Renovation Fee increase
- Resolution for independent audit of UC finances
- Resolution on COT

Comments

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.



Carol Hayes
ASUM Office Manager

Resolution Amending Fiscal Policy 9.7

Whereas, Fiscal Policy currently requires the Board on Budget and Finance to recommend Categorical Funding Percentages to the Senate for approval to be used during the executive recommendations,

Whereas, the percentages put an unnecessary constraint on the President during executive recommendations,

Therefore Let It Be Resolved, the Associated Student of The University of Montana amend their Fiscal Policy to delete 9.7:

~~9.7 Categorical Funding Percentages. The Board shall finalize the Categorical Funding Percentages for each category. On or before the fourth academic week of the Spring Semester, the Business Manager shall bring the Board's approved Categorical Funding Percentages recommendation to the Senate for majority approval. Amendments to the Board's recommendation shall require a two-thirds majority vote of the Senate. Once the Categorical Funding Percentages have been approved by the Senate, they must be publicized and forwarded to the President as guidelines for the Executive Recommendation.~~

Let It Further Be Resolved, the Associated Students of The University of Montana amend their fiscal policy 9.10 as follows:

~~9.10 Executive Recommendation. The President, in consultation with the Vice President and Business Manager, shall propose a budget, consistent with the Categorical Funding Percentages approved by the Senate with a six percent deviation within each Funding Category. However, should the President choose to fund a category at amount below the Categorical Funding Percentage, the excess amount must be placed in the Senate Discretionary category. The Senate Discretionary shall remain at a minimum level of two percent of the total allocation amount throughout the Executive Recommendation. Should the President choose an executive recommendation below the amount provided, the excess amount must be placed in the Senate Discretionary category. The Executive Recommendation may fluctuate over the Senate approved Categorical Funding Percentages if, and only if, existing employee contracts, collective bargaining agreements, or mandated salary increases conflict with the specific funding category after conferences with the Board. The President shall submit copies of the Executive Recommendation and an explanation thereof by Wednesday of the fourth academic week to the Senators. A copy shall be made available in the ASUM office for organizations to review.~~

Authored by: Heather O'Loughlin, ASUM Business Manager
ASUM Board on Budget and Finance

Sponsored by: Jon Swan, ASUM President

Passed
2/12/03

Exhibit B
SB44-02/03

**Resolution in Support of the Implementation of a (+/-) Grading System
at the University of Montana**

Whereas, one of the goals of the University of Montana is to promote academic integrity among students and faculty,

Whereas, the University of Montana is in a constant drive to increase the level of academics offered, having recently been promoted to a third tier university by *US News and World Report*,

Whereas, a majority of universities in the United States utilize a (+/-) grading system,

Whereas, a (+/-) grading system, raising academic standards at the University, improves our status nationally,

Whereas, the current traditional letter grading system (A, B, C, D and F) limits students and faculty to only five levels of distinguishing marks,

Whereas, the current grading system mis-represents the level at which a student achieves, as there are vast differences along the spectrum of an "A" or a "B,"

Whereas, a (+/-) grading system can more accurately reflect the work of students, even helping students to achieve higher levels of work,

Whereas, a (+/-) grading system gives faculty the freedom to more accurately grade students,

Whereas, many students feel that a (+/-) grading system would have a negative effect on their Grade Point Average (GPA),

Whereas, while these claims are technically true, a study done by Wake Forest University cites that implementation at their school only caused differences of -.333 to .250 points for .2 percent of students, and -.250 to 0 points for 10.4 percent of students,

Whereas, a (+/-) grading system has obvious benefits for the University of Montana,

Therefore, let it be resolved that the Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) do hereby endorse the idea of a (+/-) grading system,

And let it be further resolved that this recommendation be passed on to the Academic Standards and Curriculum Review Committee (ASCRC), to whom shall be entrusted the task of designing and sending to the University of Montana Faculty Senate a (+/-) grading system for the University of Montana.

Authorized By: Senator Robert J. Welsh

Passed 2/12/03
Roll Call Vote
15Y 4N 2A

Exhibit C
SB45-02/03

Resolution to Boycott Coca-Cola Products

Whereas student voice was completely disregarded in the process of signing the Coke contract,

Whereas the ability of students to make ^aeducated purchasing decisions is now eliminated,

Whereas the Coca-Cola Company has a history of human rights abuses and violence against workers in Columbia,

Whereas South Bay AFL-CIO Labor Council in San Jose, CA called a boycott on Coke on Jan. 27, 2003,

Whereas the Coke contract represents one more step on the path of university privatization,

Whereas private corporate contributions may hurt the chances of increased state spending on education by misrepresenting the financial conditions of the university system,

Whereas ^{discouraged}drinking only Coca-Cola products may have health implications for students forced to do so by the University,

Whereas a similar contract at Grinnell University was terminated due to a boycott,

Therefore let it be resolved that ASUM does not recognize the terms of the Coca-Cola Contract and officially boycotts Coca-Cola products,

Let it be further resolved that ASUM urges all the students of the University of Montana to join the boycott on Coca-Cola products.

Authored by Ali Tabibnejad, ASUM Senator

Coauthored by Matt Jennings, ASUM Student Political Action Director

Sponsored by Heather O'Loughlin, ASUM Business Manager

Sponsored by Alex Rosenleaf, ASUM Senator

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