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ASUM SENATE AGENDA
Wednesday, February 15, 2012
University Center 330/331 – 6 P.M.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 8, 2012

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- a. Jameel Chaudhry, UM Campus Architect
- b. Confirmation of Zach Patten and Cody Gordon as new senators
- c. Sexual assault forum
- d. Board of Regents
- e. Other

6. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- a. Committee appointments and removals
- b. Available committee positions
- c. Other

7. BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

SPECIAL ALLOCATION - \$13,909.10

STIP - \$189,559.44

TRAVEL SPECIAL ALLOCATION - \$680.00

ZERO-BASE CARRYOVER - \$177,148.53

- a. ASUM Administration Zero-Base Request - \$12,866.50/12,866.50
- b. ASUM Administration S.T.I.P. Request - \$155,000.00/155,000.00
- c. Other

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. SB38-11/12 – Resolution Amending Elections Bylaws

10. NEW BUSINESS

11. COMMENTS

12. ADJOURNMENT

ASUM SENATE MINUTES
Wednesday, February 15, 2012
UC 330/331 – 6 p.m.

Chair Edmunds called the meeting to order 6:00 p.m. Present: President Gursky (6:04), Vice President Edmunds, Business Manager Sims, Professor Smith; and Senators Bennett, Boslough, Coon, Dantic, Hohman, Klapmeier, LaFortune, Molgaard, Nielsen, Overturf, Selph, Simpson, Springmeyer, Suzuki, and Williams, M. Excused: Senators Brown and Williams, T.

The minutes from the February 8, 2012 meeting were approved.

Public Comment

- Byron Drake, Associate Director of Dining Services, spoke on behalf of Student Affairs about the Student Affairs Immersion Learning program (SAIL) (Exhibit A). The program provides internship opportunities, an hourly wage and tuition waivers for two students per academic year.
- Jeff Notar, student, advocated for the establishment of a National Rifle Association student fee. ASUM could help make this possible and open the door so that even more outside interest groups could get a financial foothold on campus.
- Patrick Rhea, Board Chair of MontPIRG, expressed his disagreement with the current wording of SB38. He talked about why MontPirg is different and why student fees can be a great way to push student interests forward. He emphasized there is no parent organization to MontPIRG and offered to help write a resolution that would ensure no outside organizations could get a student fee – only organizations that are student-run. A letter from Morrison, Motl & Sherwood, Attorneys addressing the issue was entered for the record (Exhibit B).
- Charles Couture, Dean of Students, questioned why ASUM would support the collection of fees for any organization it would have no ability to control or exercise oversight over.
- Dustin Leftridge, second-year law student, former President of ASUM and member of the Board of Directors of MontPIRG, emphasized the importance of ASUM and MontPIRG functioning separately but also cooperating. He pointed out his belief that ASUM can't do the type of work MontPIRG does.
- Savannah Cochran, former ASUM senator, pointed out there is nothing specifically about MontPIRG in SB38. While she is proud of MontPIRG activities, she values her time, cares about where her money goes and does not want to have to run around getting a refund.

The chair recognized the presence of President Gursky.

President's Report

- a. Jameel Chaudhry, UM Campus Architect, gave a presentation on plans for an ASUM office remodel (Exhibits C - D).
- b. A motion by **Sims-Suzuki** to confirm Zach Patten as a new senator passed with unanimous consent on a motion by **Edmunds**. A motion by **Sims-Suzuki** to confirm

Cody Gordon as a new senator passed with unanimous consent on a motion by **Edmunds**. Dean Couture presided over the swearing-in.

- c. President Gursky thanked senators for participating in the February 13, Sexual Assault Forum. A second forum will be held February 22, from 4-5 p.m. in the University Center Theater and will be designed specifically for students.
- d. The Board of Regents will be March 1-2, in Dillon, MT.
- e. Gordy Pace from Information Technology has been working on the University website Community Hub, where student groups can have access to a common social media site. President Gursky asked senators to inform student groups about obtaining portal accounts so they can utilize the hub.
- f. Happy Birthday to Senator Simpson. A motion by **Edmunds-Bennett** for birthday singing and a group hug following the meeting passed with unanimous consent on a motion by **Nielsen**.

Vice President's Report

- a. Committee Appointments and Removals - A motion by **Gursky-Suzuki** to appoint Senator Gordon to the Transportation Board passed 19-0 on a roll call vote. (see Tally Sheet)
- b. Open committee positions will be advertised soon.
- c. Vice President Edmunds reminded senators to contact the student groups they are assigned to and ensure they have all the information to sign up for formal lobbying.

Business Manager's Report

- a. ASUM Administration Zero-Base Request - A motion by **Nielsen-Suzuki** to approve the Board on Finance (B&F) recommendation of 12,866.50 passed with unanimous consent by voice vote.
- b. ASUM Administration S.T.I.P. Request - A motion by **Williams, M.-Nielsen** to approve the \$155,000.00 funding recommended by B&F of Plan C for the ASUM offices remodel was approved with unanimous consent by voice vote.
- c. The order of consideration for Final Budgeting categories was determined: Interests, Service, Academic, Music Union, Sports Union, ASUM Agencies, Student Support Organizations
- d. Formal and Informal lobbying will be from 5-10 p.m., February 21 - 24, in UC 326-327.
- e. Saturday, February 25, is Final Budgeting, and attendance is mandatory for all senators.
- f. When emailing student groups, bear in mind not all groups applied for funding, so specify that the e-mail is directed to the groups that have applied.
- g. Executive Recommendations have been completed (Exhibit J). There are no recommendations for student groups other than the Music and Sports Unions because two percent of the budget is mandated to be set aside as discretionary funding by the Senate. There was not enough left over for executive recommendations.

Committees

- a. Legal Services (Bennett) – The Legal Oversight Committee will meet Friday, February 17, 2-3pm.
- b. Board on Members (Overturf) - A motion by **Dantic-Suzuki** to approve Mortar Board and Toxicology Journal Club passed with unanimous consent on a motion by **Gursky**.

- c. Child Care (Coon) – Child Care thanked the Senate for funding the new doors (Exhibit K).
- d. Outreach and Marketing (Simpson) – The committee meets Tuesdays, 5-6 p. m.

A motion by **Sims-Williams, M.** to take a five minute break passed with unanimous consent on a motion by **Gursky**.

Unfinished Business

- a. SB38-11/12 – A motion by **Suzuki-Molgaard** to approve the resolution (Exhibit L) passed 16-3 on a roll call vote. (see Tally Sheet)

New Business

- a. Resolutions amending Bylaws (8)
- b. Resolutions amending Election Bylaws (2)
- c. Resolution amending Fiscal Policy
- d. Resolution amending House Rules
- e. Resolution regarding strategic plan
- f. Resolution regarding Renter Center name change
- g. Resolution regarding ASUM lobbyist
- h. Resolutions amending the Constitution (3)
- i. Resolution regarding a bike parking spot
- j. Resolution regarding proxy vote
- k. Resolution regarding college apparel
- l. Resolutions regarding recognition (2)
- m. Resolution regarding a Griz football student season pass option

President Gursky called for a 15 minute special meeting at 5:45pm on Wednesday, February 23 in UC 326-327.

Comments

The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

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