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1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - March 19, 2003

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT
   a. Legislature
   b. Student Regent
   c. Summer Tuition
   d. Other

6. VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT
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   b. Other

7. BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT
   STIP - $99,928.52
   Travel Special Allocation - $1,050.81 (Spring)
   Zero-based Carryover - $73,542.55
   Special Allocation - $6,351.00
   a. ASUM Administration (STIP) $3,337.20/$1,668.60
   b. Associate Provost Candidate
   c. Same-sex Health Benefits
   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
   b. SB46-02/03 Resolution in Support of UM International Students
   c. SB55-02/03 Resolution regarding Accessibility of Stadium Seating Expansion
   d. SB56-02/03 Resolution regarding a Constitutional Amendment
   e. SB57-02/03 Resolution Urging a Six-Credit, General Education Ethics
      Requirement for Students at The University of Montana
   f. SB58-02/03 Resolution to amend Bylaws
   g. SB59-02/03 Resolution to submit a referendum to be voted upon by University
      of Montana students to continue the Grissis Ride
   h. SB60-02/03 Resolution in Support of HB760

10. NEW BUSINESS

11. COMMENTS

12. ADJOURNMENT
# ASUM Senate Tally Sheet

## Senate Members

- Sophia Rena Alvarez
- Mary Burwell
- Thea Delamater
- Kyle Engelson
- Aaron Flint
- Dustin Frost
- Noah M. Genger
- 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

## ASUM Officers

- Jon Swan
  - President
- Christy Schilke
  - Vice-President
- Heather O'Loughlin
  - Business Manager

## Faculty Advisors

- Professor Ausland
- Professor Anderson
Chair Schilke called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. Present: Swan, Schilke, O’Loughlin, Alvarez (6:07), Burwell, Delameter, Engelson, Flint, Frost, Genger, Grennan, Lee, MacDonald, Mendrey, Naasz, Ouedraogo, Price, Rosenleaf, Tabibnejad, Welsh, Yao (6:16) and Zhou (6:16). Excused was Wolff.

The meeting minutes for March 19, 2003, were approved as amended by Schilke: Senators Delameter and Flint should be listed as excused (not unexcused).

Public Comment
*Ali Tabibnejad asked Senate to keep the discussion on grievances filed against him discreet and professional.
*SPA Director Matt Jennings announced that Student Lobbying Day will be Friday, April 11, in Helena. Transportation will be available. Volunteers are needed for phone-banking.

The Chair recognized the presence of Alvarez.
*Brad Engebretson and Jill Stratton, and Matt Singer through a letter read by the Chair, expressed support for Tabibnejad regarding the grievances.
*Dawn Payne, as part of the Elections Committee, spoke about the Kaimin article on the Committee's decision regarding Tabibnejad.

President’s Report
The Chair recognized the presence of Zhou and Yao.
  a. Senators were encouraged to attend student lobby day in Helena.
  b. Swan met with Governor Martz about the student regent position. She indicated she approached Regent Hur about the extension because she needed experience on the Board. Hur’s extension has been confirmed. The legal opinion request is going forward.
  c. There will be a surcharge of $5 per credit for summer session.
  d. North Campus Drive will be closed until September. This is causing problems for Mountain Line and ASUM's shuttle service. There was no notification prior to the closing.
  e. Swan expressed hope that election issues will be expedited.

Vice President’s Report
a. On a motion by Schilke-O’Loughlin, the following slate of committee appointments passed: Elections - Christopher Lockridge, Ryan Thompson; SPA - Jessie Jordan.

Business Manager’s Report
STIP - $99,928.52
Zero-Based Carryover - $73,542.55
Travel Spec. Allocation - $1,050.81 (Spring)
Special Allocation - $6,351.00
a. ASUM Administration (STIP) request for $3,337.20 to pay for the COT student position was amended by B & F to $1,668.60 and passed for same.
b. Senators were encouraged to attend Associate Provost interviews when possible.

Committee Reports
a. ASCRC (O’Loughlin/Welsh) - SB57 has been postponed.
b. ASUM Relations and Affairs (Zhou) - SB58 received a "do pass" recommendation.
c. COT (Tabibnejad) - Ice cream social plans are being considered. Senators were thanked for their support of the COT government position.
d. Off-Campus Renter Center (Rosenleaf) - Logo ideas were circulated for input. People have registered for the roundtable. Some have signed up for the MUD Tool Library. Sixteen students have shown interest in cop-op housing. Tabling will occur next Tuesday.

e. SPA (Price) - SB60 received a "do pass" recommendation and comes under seconded motion status from SPA for consideration. They will table at COT.

f. Transportation (Mendrey) - Preparations for "Walk and Roll Week" are ongoing. Volunteers are needed.

g. UC Board (Naasz) - Members support the Memo of Understanding.

h. University Affairs (Engelson) - SB57 was given a "do pass" recommendation.

i. Elections (MacDonald) - A report about the grievances against executive candidates Tabibnejad and Lundquist was given. The unanimous sanction was for their removal of all campaign materials from the UC by midnight April 2 with no more allowed in the UC during their campaign. An executive forum was held today with the senator forum tomorrow. MacDonald-Welsh moved to approve the sanction. Rosenleaf-O'Loughlin moved to recommit to the Elections Committee. After previous question calls by Naasz (failed) and Delameter (passed), the motion failed 7Y, 10N, 4A on a roll call vote (see Tally Sheet). Tabibnejad-Grennan moved to recommit to the Elections Committee. A previous question call by Delameter passed, and the motion passed 10Y, 9N, 3A (tie broken by Chair Swan - to whom the gavel had been passed) on a roll call vote (see Tally Sheet).

Five-minute break

Unfinished Business

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

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

c. SB55-02/03 Resolution regarding accessibility of Stadium Seating Expansion (Exhibit A) passed after a previous question call by Genger.

d. SB56-02/03 Resolution regarding a Constitutional Amendment was withdrawn.

e. SB57-02/03 Resolution Urging a Six-Credit, General Education Ethics Requirement for Students at The University of Montana (Exhibit B) was moved by Rosenleaf-O'Loughlin. After previous calls by Lee (failed) and Grennan (passed), the resolution failed 6Y 13N on a roll call vote (see Tally Sheet).

f. SB58-02/03 Resolution to amend Bylaws was postponed indefinitely on a motion by Frost-Swan, which passed.

g. SB59-02/03 Resolution to submit a referendum to be voted upon by University of Montana students to continue the Griss Ride - in committee passed after a previous question call by Welsh.

New Business

a. Resolution to amend Bylaws (6)
b. Resolution to amend Personnel Policy
c. Resolution on student seating in Grizzly stadium
d. Resolution to amend ASUM constitution
e. Resolution urging the University to reinstate Holt
f. Resolution regarding Facism
Comments

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 p.m.

[Signature]

Carol Hayes
ASUM Office Manager
Resolution regarding Accessibility of Stadium Seating Expansion

Whereas, The University of Montana acknowledges the need for a greater seating capacity in Washington Grizzly Stadium.

Whereas, The University of Montana has a golden opportunity to incorporate accessibility in new construction, additions, and renovations.

Whereas, The University of Montana would not be fulfilling its ADA Title II obligation by constructing the seating expansion not in compliance with ADAAG.

Whereas, Only 12 accessible seats are being planned in the expansion when ADAAG requires 1%, or 40 for this project, of all seats to be accessible.

Whereas, The University of Montana failed to follow proper procedures by not including the ADA Team in the designing process of the seating expansion in Washington Grizzly Stadium.

Whereas, It is becoming a trend by The University of Montana to exclude accessible design in construction design plans.

Whereas, The University of Montana has committed itself to constructing facilities to ADA standards in it’s 2002 Campus Master Plan.

Whereas, President George Dennison, in a memo to Hugh Jesse from Facility Services in 1993, committed The University of Montana to universal access design.

Whereas, People, not just students, travel from all over the state to attend Grizzly Football Games and accessible seating fills up fast.

Whereas, There is already an inadequate amount of accessible seating locations.

Whereas, The University of Montana is denying individuals with disabilities their civil right to participation by failing to meet the minimum accessibility standard.

Whereas, Not meeting the requirements of ADAAG in new construction leaves The University of Montana open to potential lawsuits and future lack of accessibility for those who may need it.

Therefore, Let it be Resolved, that the Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) strongly encourage The University of Montana to regard accessibility as a priority when approving a plan for the new seating expansion in Washington Grizzly Stadium. Further, ASUM strongly encourages The University of Montana to follow ADAAG, rather than the much weaker International Building Code.

Authored by: Travis Hoffman, ADSUM VP; Kasandra Lundquist, ADSUM President
Sponsored by: Senator Mary Burwell

Passed 4-2-03
Resolution Urging a Six-Credit, General Education Ethics Requirement for Students at The University of Montana

Whereas, one of the key principles of a liberal education is the promotion and honing of a critical mind,

Whereas, a strong background in ethics enables a student to become a more capable citizen in a democratic society,

Whereas, the importance of ethics cannot be over-stressed; ethics is imbedded in virtually all majors and programs currently taught at The University of Montana,

Whereas, the current ethics requirement is a minimum of two credits, or only one class, demonstrating neglect to one of the most important subjects of a liberal education,

Whereas, currently, the University of Montana is embarking on the exploration of a technology proficiency requirement, a portion of which deals with ethics,

Whereas, after an informal survey conducted by the Academic Standards and Curriculum Review Committee (ASCRC) in conjunction with several departments on campus, a striking majority of students surveyed are un-educated in the area of technology and ethics,

Whereas, while the ethics of technology is specific, a higher general ethics requirement provides a larger, stronger base for dealing with specific issues of ethics,

Whereas, it is imperative to a liberal education that a strong ethical core exists, it is imperative that citizens in today's world have a strong ethical background,

Therefore Let It Be Resolved that the Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) urge the Academic Standards and Curriculum Review Committee (ASCRC) and the Faculty Senate to consider raising the General Education Ethics Requirement from two credits to six credits.

Authored By: Rob Welsh, ASUM Senator
Endorsed By: Jon Swan, ASUM President
Ali R. Tabibnejad, ASUM Senator
Alex Rosenleaf, ASUM Senator

failed
4/2/03
Roll Call Vote
Resolution in Support of Montana Citizen Scholarship Program

Whereas, rising tuition costs are pricing Montanans out of their education;

Whereas, scholarships are based upon merit first, then economic need, if scholarships are not available for all applicants;

Whereas, such a tax would raise 4,000 annual scholarships to graduating Montana seniors who attend a public university in our state;

Whereas, community service would total at least 48,000 hours per semester;

Therefore let it be resolved that the Associated Students of the University of Montana supports reviving HB 760 and the Montana Citizen Scholarship Program funded through a tax on soda beverages;

Further be it resolved, that copies of this resolution upon passage will be sent to the entire 2002-2003 state legislature as well as Governor Judy Martz:

Authored by:  Cole Price ASUM Senator
Katie Sportsman
Nathan Queener
Katrina Mendrey ASUM Senator
Sage Rafferty
Mary Burwell ASUM Senator
Jessica Grennan ASUM Senator
Matt Singer
Dustin Frost ASUM Senator

Sponsored by: Rob Welsh ASUM Senator
Jon Swan ASUM President