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1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 17, 2012

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

5. PRESIDENT’S REPORT

- a. New Senator Appointments
- b. Mountainside Chat – Sharon O’Hare, Office of Student Success
- c. Agency Update – Nancy Wilson, ASUM Transportation Director
- d. Neighborhood Council – President Engstrom, Missoula College Development
- e. Other

6. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT

- a. Committee Appointments
- b. Other

7. BUSINESS MANAGER’S REPORT

SPECIAL ALLOCATION - \$16,183.75

S.T.I.P. - \$40,154.70

TRAVEL SPECIAL ALLOCATION - \$12,898.00

ZERO-BASE CARRYOVER - \$124,172.71

- a. Visiting Student Group
- b. Social Media Manager
- c. 1000 New Gardens Special Allocation Request - \$83.00/\$82.78
- d. Other

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. SB24-12/13 – Resolution Regarding the ASUM IT Committee
- b. SB26-12/13 – Resolution Regarding the Student Conduct Code
- c. SB27-12/13 – Resolution Regarding Energy Efficiency and the Smart Buildings Initiative

10. NEW BUSINESS

11. COMMENTS

12. ADJOURNMENT

ASUM Senate Minutes
Wednesday, October 24, 2012
University Center 330/331, 6 p.m.

Chair Hagfors called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. Present: President Brown, Vice President Hagfors, Business Manager Nielsen, Professor Smith; and Senators Bird, Boslough, Brown, Coon, Dolezal, Ferrara, Freund, Gordon, Hazen, Hopkins, Oliver, Ormseth, Rich, Sather, Simpson, B., Simpson, D., Watkins, and Williams. Unexcused: Senator LeCoultre.

The minutes from the October 17, 2012 meeting were approved.

Public Comment

- Emerald LaFortune, co-president of 1000 New Gardens and former ASUM senator, spoke to the Senate about her group's Special Allocation request. The funds would be used to fund the food for a special gardening event.
- Richard Ramirez, Treasurer for UM College Libertarians, invited senators to attend his group's event on November 1 at 6 p.m. Libertarian vice presidential candidate Jim Gray will be making an appearance in the University Center Theater.

President's Report

- a. The seven (7) new senators appointed by President Brown and Vice President Hagfors were brought before the Senate for approval. A motion by **Nielsen-Hagfors** to approve Andrew Mikkola as a senator passed, with unanimous consent (UC) called by **Hazen**. A motion by **Hazen-Nielsen** to approve George Gaines as a senator passed, with UC called by **Hagfors**. A motion by **Hagfors-Gordon** to approve Chase Ellinger as a senator passed, with UC called by **Boslough**. A motion by **Nielsen-Hagfors** to approve Claire Chandler as a senator passed, with UC called by **Boslough**. A motion by **Nielsen-Hagfors** to approve Mariah Williams as a senator passed, with UC called by **Williams, T.** A motion by **Nielsen-Hazen** to approve Sean Schilke as a senator passed, with UC called by **Boslough**. A motion by **Williams, T.-Nielsen** to approve Alison Wren was brought forth with UC called by **Sather**. Objection was called by **Hazen**. The motion failed 9-9-3 by roll call vote, with 2/3 needed to pass. A motion by **Dolezal-Gordon** to table the appointment failed by voice vote. A motion by **Hazen-Ormseth** to table the appointment failed by voice vote. A motion by **Hagfors-Simpson, B.** to table the appointment passed by voice vote. A motion by **Hagfors-Nielsen** to close debate passed, with UC called by **Freund**. The six (6) approved senators were sworn in by Dean Voorhees.
- b. Sharon O'Hare, Assistant Vice President of Student Success, gave an overview of improvements made by her office, including the enforcement of prerequisites during registration. She also spoke about the Four Bear Program, that was revised last year in order to put more focus on the four-year graduation instead of the tuition guarantee within that four years. Her office is also conducting outreach for financial aid literacy. My Exploratory Studies Program (ESP) is a new program designed by the Office of Student Success to use general education coursework tracks to help undeclared freshmen decide on a major.
- c. Nancy Wilson gave an update on ASUM Transportation with a PowerPoint presentation (Exhibit A) and answered questions from the senators.

A motion by **Williams, M.-Bird** to move to the speakers in the Business Manager's Report passed, with UC called by **Brown, J.**

Business Manager's Report

- a. Members of the UM Woodsman Team gave an overview of what their group does and the types of competitions they participate in. They have also been invited to go to Oregon State University to participate in an upcoming event and will be hosting ten colleges at an event held at The University of Montana on April 21-27.

A motion by **Hopkins-Hagfors** to move back into the Vice President's Report passed, with UC called by **Rich.**

Vice President's Report

- a. A motion by **Williams, T.-Freund** to approve committee appointments/removals (Exhibit B) as a slate with the exception of Alison Wren's placements passed, with UC called by **Williams, M.**

Business Manager's Report

- b. Business Manager Nielsen introduced the new Social Media Manager, Nick Childs, to the Senate and asked him to explain some of his qualifications and why he wanted to work with ASUM. A motion by **Hagfors-Rich** to approve Nick Childs as the new Social Media Manager passed, with UC called by **Brown, J.**
- c. A motion by **Williams, T.-Bird**, to approve 1000 New Gardens' Special Allocation request (Exhibit C) in the amount of \$83 passed, with UC called by **Rich.**
- d. Students voted last year for a \$6 increase in ASUM fees to go to student groups this year, and fiscal policy needs to be reviewed to accommodate this influx of funds. If any new senators are interested in this process, please contact BM Nielsen to participate.

Committee Reports

- Interim Vice President of Integrated Communications (Nielsen) - There will be four candidates coming to campus for interviews and if any senators are interested in attending the meetings, they should contact BM Nielsen ASAP.
- Student Political Action (Ormseth) - The committee met at 2 p.m. today to discuss sending Neighborhood Ambassadors to the accessory dwelling unit (ADU) open house tonight. Senator Hazen commented at City Council on Monday night. The "V is for Voting" party is on November 5.
- ASUM Lobbyist Search Committee (Ormseth) - The committee met last night and today discussing goals for the position. Applications for the position are due November 2.
- University Center Board (Gordon) - The committee will be meeting for first time on Friday at 3 p.m. in the University Center Alumni Room to discuss the University Center budget and mission statement.
- Sustainability (Sather) - The committee did not meet today as a trash audit was being conducted on The Oval for Sustainability Day.
- Transportation (Williams, T.) - The committee met this morning to finalize surveys for students and will be surveying next week on how transportation is doing.

- Day of Dialogue Committee (Watkins) - The committee met last Thursday and Day of Dialogue is tomorrow and starts at 8 a.m. Check out the Facebook page or the website for more information. Set up starts at 7 a.m. if anyone wants to help.
- Marketing and Outreach (Freund) - The committee met today and they still are looking for people for the web design position, so senators should pass along the job description. Starting new campaign with Social Media Manager to get the Senate all aligned, with ideas such as “a day in the life of a senator.”
- Relations and Affairs (Simpson, D.) - The committee met Monday at 7 p.m. and looked at four bills. SB24 passed with no recommendation, SB26 passed with a do-pass recommendation, SB27 passed with no recommendation, and the committee tabled SB25 at the request of the author.
- Housing Board (Rich) - The committee met today and the discussion on themed-housing has been going really well, with two girls from UMFLAT participating.
- Board on Members (Ferrara) - Half of the student groups’ governing documents have been reviewed.
- Wizarding (G Wiz) - The committee used liquid nitrogen to create “cold hard facts” (represented by Cheetos). The senators then consumed the cold hard facts. They were quite tasty and enlightening.

Unfinished Business

- a. A motion by **Nielsen-Bird** to approve SB24-12/13 (Exhibit D) passed, with UC called by **Williams, T.**
- b. A motion by **Bird-Freund** to approve SB26-12/13 (Exhibit E) passed, with UC called by **Coon.**
- c. A motion by **Simpson, B.-Bird** to approve SB27-12/13 (Exhibit F) was proposed with UC called by **Rich.** Objection was called by **Williams, M.** The motion passed by roll call vote. (See Tally Sheet) A motion by **Williams, M-Hazen** to reconsider the bill failed by voice vote.

New Business

Resolutions regarding graduate students (5)
Resolution regarding leadership
Resolution regarding accessibility
Resolution regarding accessory dwelling units
Resolution regarding office hours
Resolutions regarding interview (3)
Resolutions amending bylaws (3)
Resolution regarding fiscal policy (10)
Resolution regarding elections
Resolutions of recognition (2)
Resolution regarding student group volunteerism
Resolution regarding student veterans
Resolution regarding creation of ad-hoc committee
Resolutions regarding legislative agenda (2)
Resolution regarding creation of sub-committee

Comments

The meeting was adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

Julia Evans
ASUM Senate Secretary