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Associated Students
The University of Montana

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 7, 2012

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

5. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- a. Chief of Staff Update
- b. Office Hours
- c. MSU Senate Outreach
- d. Holiday Party
- e. Committee Appointments/Removals
- f. Other

6. BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

SPECIAL ALLOCATION - \$15,450.75

S.T.I.P. - \$70,459.76

TRAVEL SPECIAL ALLOCATION - \$12,376.00

ZERO-BASE CARRYOVER - \$123,572.71

- a. Sunday Sweepers S.T.I.P. Request – \$500/\$500
- b. ASUM Executives S.T.I.P. Request – \$225/\$225
- c. Student Political Action S.T.I.P. Request – \$82.90/\$82.90
- d. Archery Club Special Allocation Request - \$300/\$299.99
- e. Fiscal Policy Changes Update
- f. Higher One Task Force
- g. Vice President of Integrated Communications Breakfast
- h. Interview Manual
- i. Other

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. SB25-12/13 – Resolution Regarding Legislative Agenda
- b. SB32-12/13 – Resolution of Recognition
- c. SB33-12/13 – Resolution Regarding Campus Lighting
- d. SB34-12/13 – Resolution Regarding House Rules
- e. SB35-12/13 – Resolution Amending Bylaws

f. SB36-12/13 – Resolution Amending House Rules

9. NEW BUSINESS

10. COMMENTS

11. ADJOURNMENT

ASUM Senate Minutes
Wednesday, November 28, 2012
University Center 330/331, 6 p.m.

Chair Hagfors called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Present: Vice President Hagfors, Business Manager Nielsen, Professor Smith; and Senators Bird, Boslough, Brown, Chandler, Coon, Dolezal, Ellinger, Ferrara, Gaines, Gordon, Hazen, Hopkins, LeCoultre (6:03), Mikkola, Oliver, Ormseth, Rich, Sather, Schilke (6:03), Simpson, B., Simpson, D., Stein, Watkins, Williams, M., and Williams, T. Excused: President Brown and Senator Freund.

The minutes from the November 7, 2012 meeting were approved.

Chair Hagfors recognized the presence of Senators Schilke and LeCoultre.

Public Comment

- Jacob Hellyer, a Neighborhood Ambassador, gave an overview of the group's recent achievements and upcoming programs. December outreach will be focused on how to winter-proof your home or rental before leaving for break. The group will also be knocking doors to remind homeowners that they must shovel their snow by 9 a.m. each morning to prevent them from being fined and also to assist any elderly or disabled homeowners with clearing their walkways if they are struggling to do so. The Neighborhood Ambassadors' final newsletter will be out next week, including a renter interview and top things to do in Missoula during winter. He also passed out copies of the November newsletter (Exhibit A).

Vice President's Report

- a. The ASUM staff have been drafting a job description for the new Chief of Staff position they will be creating. This position would be responsible for overseeing the staff and taking some of the burden off current managers in the office. President Brown will be heading up a search committee and any senators interested in participating should contact him in a timely manner.
- b. No more office hours are required for this semester.
- c. VP Hagfors will be meeting with the ASMSU Senate and singing the MSU fight song after losing the Griz-Cat bet with their president. They will be discussing energy efficiency and senate structure while he and President Brown are there.
- d. Next week's meeting will be an "ugly sweater" meeting, so please participate. It will also be our last meeting of the semester and will be at the Missoula College East Campus. Any senators in need of information on transportation should talk to Senator Williams, T.
- e. A motion by **Nielsen-Simpson, B.** to approve the committee appointments and removals (Exhibit B) passed by voice vote.
- f. There was a request at last week's staff meeting that senators please not "wander through Legal Services."
- g. The search for the new Vice President of Administration and Finance is in full swing. The committee has already selected a final group and conducted Skype interviews and is hoping to bring candidates onto campus during finals week for on-campus interviews and student meetings with the applicants.

Business Manager's Report

- a. A motion by **Coon-Bird** to approve the Sunday Sweepers' S.T.I.P. request (Exhibit C) for \$500 passed by voice vote.
- b. A motion by **Sather-Boslough** to approve the ASUM Executives' S.T.I.P. request (Exhibit D) for \$225 passed by voice vote.
- c. A motion by **Bird-Hagfors** to approve Student Political Action's S.T.I.P. request (Exhibit E) for \$82.90 passed by voice vote.
- d. A motion by **Hazen-Bird** to approve Archery Club's Special Allocation request (Exhibit F) for \$300 passed by voice vote.
- e. A taskforce to deal with the changes needed for Fiscal Policy has met several times and created new spreadsheets for student groups that asks them questions that would generally be asked in a cover letter. This spreadsheet can then be used to make the budgeting process more succinct. The taskforce also discussed possibly changing the timeline for budgeting and moving it back to be more convenient for student groups. If any senators are interested in being on this task force, please contact BM Nielsen.
- f. Senator Williams, T. and BM Nielsen were contacted recently about a nation-wide effort towards changing the federal policy on how higher education institutions interact with debit/credit cards such as Higher One. BM Nielsen stressed that she will not be acting as a part of ASUM but as an individual and anyone interested in participating should contact her.
- g. The search committee for the new Vice President of Integrated Communications has already interviewed two candidates in the search process, with two more coming up. There will be a free breakfast at 8 a.m. this Friday for students to meet the candidates and ask questions. BM Nielsen urged the senators to attend.
- h. BM Nielsen created an interview manual to detail what the process is and what each person's responsibilities are. Contact any executives if you want a copy.

Committee Reports

- ASUM Lobbyist Search Committee/Student Political Action (Ormseth and Dolezal) - ASUM hired Asa Hohman as the new lobbyist. The committee did not meet today as they were touring the Missoula College with Montana legislators to demonstrate the need for new facilities.
- Student Computer Fee Committee (Williams, T.) – The committee is discussing whether or not contingency funds should be used to provide new and better WiFi on campus.
- Transportation (Williams, T.) – The committee met today at 8 a.m. to review surveys and the budget and fees for next year. The committee voted as a board to seek a fee increase, with the actual amount yet to be determined. Their reasoning being that the high cost of gas and wages would leave them unable to operate at the same standard as has come to be expected by the student body without seeking a fee increase.
- Relations and Affairs (Simpson, D.) – The committee met Monday at 7 p.m. and has appointed more Students-at-Large so they are working at full capacity. The committee received seven bills; SB25 and SB32 passed with a do-pass recommendation; SB33, 34, 35, and 36 passed with no recommendation; and SB31 was tabled indefinitely.
- Sustainability (Rich) – The committee met today with the new Social Media Manager, Nick Childs, who will be developing an interactive map to display the steps forward UM

has taken in regards to sustainability on campus. The committee is also preparing for Earth Day.

- Housing Board (Rich) – The committee is continuing its “letter to the editor” campaign and any help is much appreciated. The committee is still discussing themed-housing and trying to find more departments and student groups that would be interested in participating.
- University Center Board (Gordon) – The committee will be meeting tomorrow to hopefully approve the budget. The UC Board will also be seeking a fee increase and all ASUM senators are invited to voice their opinion on the decision.
- Interview (Hazen) – A new Senate seat will be opening up, so committee members should stay after the meeting to discuss the next steps in filling the position.
- University Planning Committee (Hagfors) – The committee is hoping to amend the University Strategic Plan to reflect the Smart Buildings Initiatives as well as change the definition for “energy efficient.” Another possible change would be to require all students to declare their major by the 40th credit hour, as opposed to the 60th credit hour, which is the current rule. Any senators who want to give their opinion on the decision before a change is made, please contact VP Hagfors. The next meeting will be in two weeks.
- Wizarding (G Wiz) – The committee created a “brain freeze” potion (liquid nitrogen ice cream) that will numb the senators’ anxiety centers going into finals week. It was quite delicious.

Unfinished Business

- a. A motion by **Nielsen-Hazen** to approve SB32-12/13 (Exhibit G) passed by voice vote.
- b. A motion by **Sather-Bird** to approve SB33-12/13 (Exhibit H) passed by voice vote.
- c. A motion by **Nielsen-Williams, M.** to table SB34-12/13 (Exhibit I) passed by voice vote.
- d. A motion by **Nielsen-Simpson, D.** to approve SB35-12/13 (Exhibit J) passed by voice vote.
- e. A motion by **Nielsen-Hopkins** to approve SB36-12/13 (Exhibit K) passed by voice vote.
- f. A motion by **Williams, M.-Nielsen** to table SB25-12/13 (Exhibit L) and take it back to Relations and Affairs failed 12-14 by roll call vote (see Tally Sheet #1). A motion to table SB25-12/13 by **LeCoultre-Oliver** passed by voice vote.

New Business

Resolutions regarding Fiscal Policy (5)

Resolution of recognition

Resolutions regarding ASUM Transportation (3)

Resolution regarding internet technology

Resolution regarding accessory dwelling units

Resolution regarding WiFi

Resolution regarding Bylaws

Resolution regarding House Rules

Resolutions regarding committee Bylaws (3)

Resolution regarding sustainability

Resolution regarding Board of Regents Non-Discrimination Policy

Comments

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Julia Evans
ASUM Senate Secretary