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1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 28, 2012

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- a. Mountain Side Chat: Associate Vice President of Administration and Finance Rosi Keller and ASUM Senator Damara Simpson present about fee increases
- b. Representative Doug Coffin (D-Missoula)
- c. Senator Alan Olsen (R-Roundup)
- d. Asa Hohman, ASUM Lobbyist
- e. Other

6. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- a. Holiday Party
- b. Executives Debriefs
- c. Mission/Vision Statement Progress Check
- d. Other

7. BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

SPECIAL ALLOCATION - \$15,150.75

S.T.I.P. - \$69,959.76

TRAVEL SPECIAL ALLOCATION - \$12,376.00

ZERO-BASE CARRYOVER - \$123,572.71

- a. ASUM Administration S.T.I.P. Request - \$4,585/\$4,585
- b. Medieval Combat Society Special Allocation Request - \$0/\$645
- c. Lambda Alliance S.T.I.P. Request - \$479.99/\$479.99
- d. Vice President of Integrated Communications Search Update
- e. Board of Regents Non-Discrimination Policy
- f. Fiscal Policy Update
- g. Other

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. SB37-12/13 – Resolution Regarding Fiscal Policy

b. SB38-12/13 – Resolution Regarding Fiscal Policy

10. NEW BUSINESS

11. COMMENTS

12. ADJOURNMENT

ASUM Senate Minutes
Wednesday, December 5, 2012
Missoula College East Campus Commons, 6 p.m.

Chair Hagfors called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. Present: President Brown, Vice President Hagfors, Business Manager Nielsen, Professor Smith; Senators Bird, Boslough, Brown, Chandler, Coon, Dolezal, Ellinger, Ferrara, Freund, Gordon, Hazen, Hopkins, LeCoultre, Mikkola, Oliver (6:05), Ormseth, Rich, Sather, Schilke, Simpson, B., Simpson, D., Stein, Watkins, Williams, M., and Williams, T.

The minutes from the November 28, 2012 meeting were approved.

Public Comment

- Adrienne Edwards, Lambda Alliance board member, reported that the Lambda governing body voted against adding SB25 to the Legislative Agenda. They believed that adding it to the agenda would not give the issue its due justice and that the issue would be overlooked when paired with the Missoula College initiative. There were also issues that the board had with the bill itself, for example adding A (asexual) to the acronym LGBTIQ.
- Emily Lint, the president of the Medieval Combat Society, spoke about her group's Special Allocation request and asked if President Brown would be willing to duel with her. A motion by **Nielsen-Mikkola** for President Brown to participate in a duel to the death passed with unanimous consent. President Brown was killed several times in the ensuing battle.

President's Report

- a. Associate Vice President of Administration and Finance, Rosi Keller, and ASUM Senator Damara Simpson gave a presentation on how the administration will be handling the fee increases on campus. There was a handout for mandatory and non-mandatory fee processes (Exhibit A) and Senator Simpson gave a walkthrough of this chart.
- b. Representative Doug Coffin came to present some of his newest bills that he has drafted for the coming year. The first and second bills were to ensure that Montanans will have access to an affordable quality college education (Exhibit B and Exhibit C), the third bill was to ensure a better retirement program for university faculty (Exhibit D), the fourth bill is to ensure technological and research programs for university students (Exhibit E). Rep. Coffin asked that ASUM senators consider supporting these bills, either formally as a Senate or individually. If senators are interested in contacting Rep. Coffin they can go to his website at mtdoug.com, email him at mtdoug@gmail.com, or call him at (406) 243-4723.
- c. Senator Alan Olsen was unable to attend the meeting.
- d. Asa Hohman, ASUM Lobbyist, was presented to the Senate for approval, as per ASUM Bylaws. Senator Ormseth, Chair of the Interview Committee, gave the committee's reasoning for selecting Asa for the position. A motion by **Hagfors-Sather** to approve Asa Hohman as the new ASUM Lobbyist passed by voice vote, with **Senator Williams, M.** abstaining.

- e. Aaron Curtis, Student Political Action Director, gave an overview of what he has worked on over the semester and what his plans are for next semester. A motion by **Hopkins-Nielsen** to approve Aaron passed by voice vote.

Vice President's Report

- a. VP Hagfors yielded to Senator Coon for information on December 7 Christmas party at Hagbrown's house at 7 p.m.
- b. In the next week all of the executives would like to meet with all of the senators to discuss how they feel about their first semester. Senators must send an email with 2 or 3 times they are available. If these emails are not received soon, VP Hagfors will proceed to bug the senators until they are received.
- c. VP Hagfors reviewed the Senate Vision Statement (Exhibit F) that was created at the beginning of the semester. He commended Transportation, Student Political Action (SPA), Marketing and Outreach, and Sustainability for great work on putting together high-participation events. Productions put on a Pearl Jam concert this year, Transportation secured a grant for the replacement of five buses over five years, Legal expanded ASUM's reach into University Court and the Conduct Code. ASUM Senate met with the Missoula City Council, which garnered a front page article in the Missoulian on Greek Life zoning issues. Business Manager Nielsen and Senator Hopkins worked on a resolution on Higher One, spurring participation in a nation-wide initiative. The Senate brought forward sexual orientation and identity to be added to the Non-Discrimination Policy of the Board of Regents. Senators were leaders in PETA and approved a resolution on campus lighting. A taskforce has been formed to streamline the spring budgeting process. VP Hagfors urged the senators to remember what issues they are passionate about and come back in the spring motivated to make even more change.

Business Manager's Report

- a. Business Manager Nielsen presented ASUM Administration's S.T.I.P. request (Exhibit G) as well as a layout of the proposed cabinetry plan (Exhibit H). A motion by **Schilke-Sather** to fund the request for the full \$4,585 was proposed with discussion called by **Williams, M.** A motion by **Hagfors-Williams, T.** to close discussion passed by voice vote. The original motion passed 17-7-2 by roll call vote (see Tally Sheet #1).
- b. A motion by **VP Hagfors** to amend the amount of the Medieval Combat Society's Special Allocation request to \$462 had no second. A motion by **Williams, T.-Bird** to round the requested amount to \$461 passed by voice vote. A motion by **Hagfors-Bird** to approve the request as amended passed by voice vote.
- c. A motion by **Ferrara-Bird** to approve Lambda Alliance's S.T.I.P. request for the full \$479.99 passed by voice vote, with **Senator Watkins** abstaining.
- d. The Vice President of Integrated Communications Search Committee met today after every applicant had visited campus. The results were given to President Engstrom, with a final decision scheduled for next week.
- e. There will be a taskforce forming for the Board of Regents Non-discrimination Policy 703 to include sexual orientation and identity. A sign-up sheet to join the taskforce was passed around.

- f. The two resolutions in front of the Senate, written by Senator Williams, M. and Williams, T., are designed to streamline the budgeting process for agencies and student groups. Any senators interested in working on this taskforce should contact BM Nielsen.
- g. There are talks beginning for a possible Kaimin pay increase for editors and writers. They argue that it is hard to retain quality people at lower pay. Any senators interested in engaging with this process over wintersession should contact BM Nielsen.
- h. The ASUM resolution regarding Higher One has caught the interest of a national group who would like to work in conjunction with ASUM to hold a letter-writing campaign to federal agencies.

Committee Reports

- Board on Members (Ferrara) – The committee met today and submitted a list of student groups for approval (Exhibit I). A motion by **Williams, M.-Coon** to approve the student groups passed, with unanimous consent called by **Brown, Z.**
- Personnel Supervision (LeCoultrre) – The committee met to discuss the prospect of adding an Executive Director/Chief of Staff position to streamline functionalities of ASUM and serve to be in charge during transitions and give more direction and leadership for staff positions. There will be a meeting tomorrow at 8 a.m. at Food for Thought.
- Transportation (Williams, T.) – Director Nancy Wilson was elected to serve in Montana State Legislature, and a temp employee has been hired to replace her as she will be stepping down for the year.
- Marketing and Outreach (Freund) – The committee met last week to discuss upcoming events for the next semester. If any senators have social media concerns, contact Senator Freund or Senator Brown, and they will pass on the queries to the new Social Media Manager, Nick Childs.
- Student Political Action (Ormseth) – The committee met today and discussed their progress for the semester. The committee has finished many projects and is beginning to start some new ones. For example, Student Political Action Day in Helena, where they will hopefully be able to bus students to the legislative sessions to speak on certain issues.
- University Center Board (Gordon) – The board met last week to go over the budget and the fee increase needed to maintain bare minimum. The board is still deciding on the specifics.
- Housing Board (Rich) – Neighborhood Ambassadors will be hiring 8 new students, and also renting out snow shovels for the winter. An email about the Letter to the Editor campaign will be coming soon.
- Relations and Affairs (Simpson, D.) – The two bills up for approval passed with some amendments and no recommendation.

A motion by **Bird-Nielsen** to recess for 5 minutes passed by voice vote.

Unfinished Business

- a. SB37-12/13 (Exhibit J) – A motion by **Nielsen-Bird** to approve SB37 passed 27-0-1 by roll call vote (see Tally Sheet #2).
- b. SB38-12/13 (Exhibit K) – A motion by **Nielsen-Ferrara** to approve SB38 passed, with unanimous consent called by **Williams, M.**

A motion by **Hopkins-Schilke** to take from the table SB25 passed by voice vote.

- c. SB25-12/13 (Exhibit L) – A motion by **Nielsen-Coon** to table was proposed, with discussion called by **Schilke**. A motion by **Nielsen-Sather** to close discussion passed by voice vote. The original motion passed 16-11-1 by roll call vote (see Tally Sheet #3).

A motion by **Nielsen-Brown, Z.** to open New Business passed by voice vote.

New Business

Resolution regarding placards taped to desk
Resolution regarding Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs)
Resolution regarding committees
Resolutions regarding internet technology (2)
Resolutions regarding legislative session (20)
Resolutions regarding ASUM Transportation (4)
Resolution regarding campus planning (2)
Resolution regarding Constitutional Referendum
Resolution regarding Cyberbear
Resolutions amending Bylaws (14)
Resolution amending Fiscal Policy (19)
Resolution regarding Higher One (2)
Resolutions regarding Board of Regents (2)
Resolutions regarding Kaimin (3)
Resolution regarding Vice President of Integrated Communications
Resolution regarding high performance building standards
Resolution regarding Montana Human Rights Act
Resolution regarding ASUM Personnel policy
Resolutions regarding freshman outreach (2)
Resolution regarding sexual assault
Resolutions regarding House Rules (12)
Resolution regarding smoking ban
Resolution regarding chewing tobacco
Resolution regarding corporate spending in ASUM elections (4)
Resolutions regarding arbitrary numbers of resolutions (93)

Comments

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Julia Evans
ASUM Senate Secretary