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Associated Students
The University of Montana

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 5, 2012

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- a. ASUM Personnel Policy
- b. Smart Buildings Initiative Bill
- c. Other

6. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- a. Theme Housing
- b. Open Senate Seats
- c. Search Committee Update
- d. Committee Needs
- e. Committee Appts/Removals
- f. Other

7. BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

SPECIAL ALLOCATION - \$14,689.75

S.T.I.P. - \$74,472.52

TRAVEL SPECIAL ALLOCATION - \$12,376.00

ZERO-BASE CARRYOVER - \$122,572.71

- a. IntersVarsity Christian Fellowship
- b. Archery Club Special Allocation Request - \$560/\$560
- c. ASUM Administration Special Allocation Request - \$185.75/\$185.75
- d. Student Political Action Special Allocation Request - \$185.75/\$185.75
- e. Chinese Students and Scholars Association Special Allocation Request - \$300/\$600
- f. Final Budgeting Schedule
- g. 703 Equality Volunteer Day
- h. Other

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. SB39-12/13 – Resolution Amending Fiscal Policy

- b. SB40-12/13 – Resolution Regarding the Kaimin
- c. SB41-12/13 – Resolution Regarding Personnel Policy
- d. SB42-12/13 – Resolution Regarding LC1849
- e. SB43-12/13 – Resolution Regarding Montana University System Long Range Building Plan
- f. SB44-12/13 – Resolution Regarding SB109

10. NEW BUSINESS

11. COMMENTS

12. ADJOURNMENT

ASUM Senate Minutes
Wednesday, January 30, 2013
University Center 330/331, 6 p.m.

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

The minutes from the December 5, 2012 meeting were approved.

Public Comment

- Courtney Damron and Tori Madgwick, from the Alliance for Disability and Students at The University of Montana (ADSUM), reminded the Senate that student groups also have staff that would like to be included in the Personnel Policy changes and gave a handout supporting these individuals (Exhibit A).
- Jacob Lutz, UM Productions Director, gave an update on what his agency has going on, as well the recent and hugely successful Rascal Flatts concert. Upcoming events include the On taiko drumming band, Jeff Dunham, Brian Reagan, and Tracy Morgan. Please refer to UM Productions website for dates, times, and ticket prices.
- President Yang Liu and her two Vice Presidents from the Chinese Student and Scholar Association came to explain the Special Allocation request to help fund their Chinese New Year event. They also handed out invitations to the event (Exhibit B).
- Haynes Hansen, Board Chair of MontPIRG, spoke about the bills that are making it harder to vote for college students, one being the increase in residency requirements and the other prohibiting same-day registration. There will be an information session on Tuesday from 6:30-7:30 p.m. to discuss these issues and raise awareness within the student body.

President's Report

- a. Next week the Senate will vote on the approval of a new draft of the ASUM Personnel Policy, and senators should bring any proposed amendments or changes with them to the meeting. The policy needs a 2/3 majority vote to be approved. President Brown urged the senators to look over the document thoroughly for the next week.
- b. President Brown is in the process of drafting a bill regarding energy efficiency on campus and he wishes to bring it before the Senate sometime soon to see if it is something they would be willing to endorse, either as a body or individually.

Vice President's Report

- a. Emily and Austin, Students-at-Large on the Housing Board, gave a presentation on theme-housing (Exhibit C). The board is interested in forming an action committee to move forward with theme-housing if any of the senators are interested in joining.
- b. VP Hagfors encouraged senators to actively recruit to fill the two open senate seats left by former Senators Bird and Gaines.

- c. The new Vice President of Administration and Finance, Michael Reed, was selected by the search committee and will be starting in March. The Vice President of Integrated Communications Search Committee has selected Peggy Kuhr for the position and if the senators have any questions for her about the process, please feel free to contact her as she started as chair of the committee before applying for the position.
- d. There are many committees that need senators as members. VP Hagfors had senators volunteer for these open committee seats.
- e. A motion by **Simpson, B.-LeCoultre** to approve these committee appointments (Exhibit D) passed by voice vote.
- f. Governor Bullock will be on the main campus on Friday at 2:30 p.m. in the UC Theater to discuss his proposal to cap student university tuition.
- g. In the senator debriefs at end of last semester, there were many complaints about not knowing what resolutions were available to sponsor, so VP Hagfors will be making a list of all new business and post it on the board in the conference room. There were also complaints that committee reports were going too long, so there will be a cap of one minute to give highlights of each committee's progress, then each senator will send a formal written report to VP Hagfors.
- h. VP Hagfors introduced the new Kaimin reporter, Jackson Bolstead, and President Brown encouraged senators to maintain an open and productive relationship with the Kaimin.

Business Manager's Report

- a. Loni and Bert, part of the leadership group for Intersarsity Christian Fellowship, gave an overview of their group. They thanked the Senate for the funding last semester that allowed them to take 20 people to St. Louis for a mission conference. They will also be having a Super Bowl Party on Sunday and an ice skating party on Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Fairgrounds Ice Rink. The group rate for rentals and fees is only \$3 a person.
- b. A motion by **Hagfors-LeCoultre** to approve UM Archery Club's Special Allocation request (Exhibit E) for the recommended amount of \$560 passed by voice vote.
- c. A motion by **Hagfors-Ormseth** to approve ASUM Administration's Special Allocation request (Exhibit F) for the recommended amount of \$185.75 passed by voice vote.
- d. A motion by **Simpson, B.-Hagfors** to approve Student Political Action's Special Allocation request (Exhibit G) for the recommended amount of \$185.75 passed by voice vote.
- e. A motion by **Brown, Z.-Simpson, B.** to increase the Chinese Student and Scholars Association's Special Allocation request (Exhibit H) in the amount of \$50 for calligraphy materials and \$30 for papercut materials passed by voice vote. A motion by **Hagfors-Ormseth** to approve the request for the amended amount of \$380 passed by voice vote.
- f. Senators will be receiving an email with the final budgeting schedule and should set aside the entirety of March 2 and potentially March 3. Presence is mandatory. The group and agency final budgets and travel allocations are due by February 6 and BM Nielsen urged the senators to attend lobbying so that they can be well informed on their decisions. BM Nielsen will also be proposing a bill to make budgeting a two day event.
- g. BM Nielsen passed out a sign-up sheet for Policy 703 Volunteer Day, in association with First Friday.

Committee Reports

- Student Political Action (Ormseth) - The committee met Monday at 8 a.m. to review SB42-44. A Facebook page has been developed and is being updated with everything going on in the Montana Legislature that affects students. Senator Ormseth also encouraged senators to advertise and attend the Governor Bullock event this Friday at the UC Theater.
- Relations and Affairs (Simpson, D.) - The committees meeting time has been moved to 8 p.m. on Mondays, and they met this week to look at SB39-41. All three bills passed with no recommendation and minor amendments.
- Interview (Hazen) - Applications for the open Senate seats are available at the ASUM front desk.
- IT Committee (Oliver) - Senator Oliver is considering asking another representative from ASUM to sit on this committee as he has other obligations during their meeting time. The committee will be meeting February 12, March 12, and April 9 from 3:40-5 p.m. if any senators are interested.

Unfinished Business

- a. A motion by **Hazen-Hopkins** to approve SB39-12/13 (Exhibit I) passed by voice vote.
- b. A motion by **Sather-Hopkins** to approve SB40-12/13 (Exhibit J) passed 22-1-1 by roll call vote. (see Tally Sheet #1)
- c. A motion by **Ormseth-Mikkola** to amend line 47 of SB41-12/13 (Exhibit K) to state “meaning that said organization receives 100% of its funding from ASUM” was proposed, with discussion called by **Nielsen**. The motion failed by voice vote. A motion by **Nielsen-Simpson, B.** to approve the original bill passed by voice vote.
- d. A motion by **Coon-Nielsen** to approve SB42-12/13 (Exhibit L) passed 18-6 by roll call vote. (See Tally Sheet #2)
- e. A motion by **Ormseth-Hazen** to approve SB43-12/13 (Exhibit M) passed, with unanimous consent called by **Williams, M.**
- f. A motion by **Nielsen-Coon** to table SB44-12/13 (Exhibit N) passed, with unanimous consent called by **Simpson, B.**

New Business

Resolutions of recognition (4)
Resolutions regarding final budgeting (2)
Resolutions regarding legislative items (5)
Resolutions regarding Fiscal Policy (2)
Resolutions regarding Bylaws (2)
Resolutions regarding House Rules (2)
Resolutions regarding Personnel Policy (2)

Comments

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Julia Evans

ASUM Senate Secretary