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ASUM

ASUM SENATE AGENDA

February 20, 2002 - 6:00 p.m.
UC 332-333

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Associated Students

The University of Montana

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - February 13, 2002

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

a. ASUM Childcare Artwork

b. Montana Mama Jam

c. Brian Schweitzer Visit

d. Community Forum on Occupancy Standards - March 2

e. Other

6. VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

a. Committee Appointments

b. Other

7. BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

STIP - \$26,728.20

Travel Special Allocation - \$9,571.52

Zero-based Carryover - \$117,352.04

Special Allocation - \$2,738.58 + this semester's

a. SB6-01/02 Resolution to amend Fiscal Policy

b. Travel Special Allocations

c. Woodsmen's Team Special Allocation Request - \$1,168.50

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.umd.edu/asum/government/resolution.htm>

a. SB35-01/02 Resolution Demanding Either a Change in the Army and Hence ROTC's Gay-Exclusion Policy or Its Relocation from The University of Montana-Missoula

b. SB38-01/02 Resolution Regarding Dornblaser Parking Lot Paving

c. SB39-01/02 Resolution to Establish Student Group Bill of Rights

d. SB40-01/02 Resolution Supporting the Implementation of Internet Teacher Evaluations by ASUM

e. SB41-01/02 Resolution to Abolish the Writing Proficiency Exam

f. SB42-01/02 Resolution to Create a Graduation Fee

10. NEW BUSINESS

11. COMMENTS

12. ADJOURNMENT

SENATE MEMBERSROLL
CALL*Comments*

NICK ALDINGER

P

Y

BRAD CATON

P

Y

KIRSTEN ELLINGSON

P

N

CASEY FISCHER

P

Y

HENRY GRIFFITH

P

Y
1:30

KEAGAN HARSHA

6:18

N

MATT JENNINGS

P

Y

BROCK LOWRANCE

6:58

Y

HARLEY LYSONS

P

N

BERV NAASZ

6:15

Y

STACIE PHILLIPS

EX
changed

Y

Christen
CHAD REES

P

N

ALEX ROSENLEAF

P

Y

CHRISTY SCHILKE

P

Y
1:45

STEPHEN STICKA

P

Y

ALI TABIBNEJAD

P

Y

CHRISTOPHER WEBB

P

Y

ADAM WEINACKER

P

Y

CHRIS WILCOX

P

Y

Josh Davis
JAN ZHANG

P

Y

ASUM OFFICERS

CHRISTOPHER PETERSON

P

Y

President

HEATHER O'LOUGHLIN

P

Y

Vice-President

JON SWAN

P

Y

Business Manager

FACULTY ADVISORS

PROFESSOR AUSLAND

P

Y

PROFESSOR ANDERSON

P

Y

ASUM SENATE MINUTES
February 20, 2002
UC332-333 - 6:00 p.m.

Chair O'Loughlin called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. Present: Peterson, O'Loughlin, Swan, Aldinger, Caton, Davis, Ellingson, Fischer, Griffith, Harsha (6:18), Jennings, Lowrance (6:58), Lysons, Naasz (6:15), Rees, Rosenleaf, Schilke, Sticka, Tabibnejad, Webb, Weinacker and Wilcox. Excused was Phillips.

The February 13, 2002, minutes were approved.

The Chair noted that the agenda is in error under Unfinished Business. The following two items should be added as follows: e. SB41-01/02 Resolution to Abolish the Writing Proficiency Exam and f. SB42-01/02 Resolution to Create a Graduation Fee.

Public Comment - None

President's Report

- a. Children from the ASUM Childcare program came to the office and presented Peterson with some drawings, which may be viewed at the ASUM Office.
- b. Volunteers are needed for Mama Jam.
- c. Brian Schweitzer will be speaking in the UC Thursday night.
- d. A community forum will be held on March 2nd - time and location to be announced later.
- e. A special Board of Regents meeting has been called for Monday in Helena. Peterson will report back when he has more information.

Vice President's Report

- a. A motion by O'Loughlin-Tabibnejad to approve the following committee appointments passed: ASUM Relations and Affairs - Josh Davis; Elections - Scott Jenkins and Marcus Kosena as co-chairs.
- b. SPA announcements: A candidate recruitment workshop will be held this Saturday from 1-4 at the downtown Children's Theatre 3rd floor. Nominations for conservation awards should be directed to SPA Director Patten.
- c. Immediately following the meeting there will be a 20-min. bonding activity presided over by ASUM Relations and Affairs. Pictures will also be taken.

Business Manager's Report

STIP - \$26,728.20
Zero-Based Carryover - \$117,352.04
Travel Spec. Allocation - \$0
Special Allocation - \$2738.58 + this semester's

- a. SB6-01/02 Resolution to amend Fiscal Policy - in committee.
- b. Board on Budget and Finance's \$9,571.52 Travel Special Allocation recommendation was passed (Exhibit A).
- c. The Woodsmen's Team Special Allocation request for \$1,168.50 for their conclave was approved.
- d. Budget lobbying will be held next Monday through Thursday evenings at 6 in the 2nd floor Study Lounge.

Committee Reports

- a. ASUM Relations and Affairs (Ellingson) - SB39 received a "do pass" recommendation. The Committee will facilitate a "bonding" exercise directly following the meeting and also take pictures.
- b. Board on Membership (Lysons) - The Committee will meet Monday at 7:30 p.m.
- c. SPA (Aldinger) - They discussed occupancy standard, SPA tabling and same sex partner insurance.
- d. UC Board (Rosenleaf) - They will meet at 1 p.m. on Mondays.

- e. University Affairs (Griffith) - The authors of SB35 and 38 asked that their resolutions be held in committee another week. SB40 and 42 received "do pass" recommendations. SB41 received a "do not pass" recommendation.
- f. COT - It has been suggested that a Senate meeting be held there.
- g. Transportation (Jennings) - The meeting with Bob Duringer and Ken Willett to discuss transportation matter was not very productive.
The Chair recognized the presence of Naasz and Harsha.
- h. Student Computer Fee (Lysons) - Proposals will be formula-based instead of proposal-based. Also discussed was the handling of old equipment.
The Chair recognized the presence of Lowrance.

Unfinished Business

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- a. SB35-01/02 Resolution demanding either a change in the Army and hence ROTC's Gay-Exclusion Policy or its relocation from The University of Montana - in committee.
 - b. SB38-01/02 Resolution Regarding Dornblaser Parking Lot Paving - in committee.
 - c. SB39-01/02 Resolution to Establish Student Group Bill of Rights was moved by Swan-Peterson. A motion by Swan-Rosenleaf to postpone for two weeks passed.
 - c. SB40-01/02 Resolution Supporting the Implementation of Internet Teacher Evaluations by ASUM (Exhibit B) was moved by Rosenleaf-Harsha. After a friendly amendment by Wilcox to delete "supports the implementation of an" and insert "implement their own" in the fifth paragraph was accepted, the resolution passed.
 - 41. SB41-01/02 Resolution to Abolish the Writing Proficiency Exam (Exhibit C) was moved by Tabibnejad-Rosenleaf. A friendly amendment by Swan to change the second whereas to: "Whereas the writing assessment does not correct the problem of poor writing abilities but punishes students for lack of an adequate education in English 101" was accepted. Friendly amendments by Rosenleaf to: add a paragraph at the beginning to read: "Whereas a student has to pass an upper division writing assessment to graduate from The University of Montana"; change the fifth whereas to read: Whereas students receive no feedback from the exam and hence cannot improve their writing skills whether they pass or fail"; and to change the final paragraph to: Therefore, let it be resolved that the ASUM support the abolition of the upper division writing assessment" were all accepted. After a previous question call by Swan, the resolution failed.
 - 42. SB42-01/02 Resolution to Create a Graduation Fee was postponed for two weeks on a motion by Peterson-Aldinger after a previous question call by Tabibnejad.

New Business

- a. Resolution on off-campus housing coordinator
- b. Resolution on student pay
- c. Resolution for UM to sign Talloires Declaration
- d. Resolution on the Western Perspective
- e. Resolution on the writing proficiency exam (2)
- f. Resolution on Greek residences
- g. Resolution on Math 117
- h. Resolution on Section 8 vouchers
- i. Resolution on Recycling Committee
- j. Resolution on orientation forums

Comments

The meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

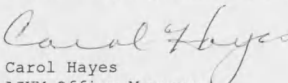

Carol Hayes
ASUM Office Manager

Exhibit A

STUDENT GROUP	DATE OF TRAVEL	AMOUNT REQUESTED	B.M. RECOMMENDATION	BN'F RECOMMENDATION	SENATE APPROVAL
University Christian Fellowship	March 16-22	\$ 777.00	\$ 388.50	\$ 582.75	\$ 582.75
APHA-ASP	March 15-19	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 780.00	\$ 780.00	\$ 780.00
Alternative Spring Break (1)	March 16-24	\$ 2,753.00	\$ 390.00	\$ 517.67	\$ 517.67
(2)	March 16-24	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 275.00	\$ 275.00	\$ 275.00
(3)	March 16-24	\$ 1,200.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Amnesty International	April 18-24	\$ 1,390.00	\$ 550.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
NALSA	April 3-6	\$ 1,690.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00
Student Rec Association (1)	April 6-	\$ 63.00	\$ 63.00	\$ 63.00	\$ 63.00
(2)	April 13-	\$ 63.00	\$ 63.00	\$ 63.00	\$ 63.00
(3)	March 9-	\$ 54.00	\$ 54.00	\$ 54.00	\$ 54.00
(4)	14-Mar	\$ 54.00	\$ 54.00	\$ 54.00	\$ 54.00
(5)	March 8-9	\$ 78.00	\$ 78.00	\$ 78.00	\$ 78.00
Advocates	April 26-28	\$ 2,187.60	\$ 687.60	\$ 987.60	\$ 987.60
Circle K	February 22-24	\$ 414.00	\$ 252.00	\$ 252.00	\$ 252.00
IFC/AGC/Panhellenic	April 3-7	\$ 4,467.43	\$ 967.43	\$ 967.43	\$ 967.43
UM Woodsmen Team	March 22-April 22	\$ 3,287.16	\$ 723.48	\$ 723.48	\$ 723.48
Model United Nations	Feb 28-March 3	\$ 4,772.80	\$ 675.78	\$ 675.78	\$ 675.78
UM Forensics Team (1)		\$ 1,789.60	\$ 967.60	\$ 967.60	\$ 967.60
(2)		\$ 1,025.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
(3)		\$ 1,945.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Intervarsity Christian Fellowship (1)	March 1-3	\$ 583.20	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
(2)	May 19-26	\$ 2,323.20	\$ 580.93	\$ 774.57	\$ 774.57
PTSA	March 7-10	\$ 1,980.00	\$ 555.00	\$ 221.84	\$ 221.84
Wildlife Society (1)	April 16-19	\$ 644.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
(2)	March 12-16	\$ 1,511.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
(3)	March 12-16	\$ 1,711.00	\$ 716.20	\$ 383.80	\$ 383.80
Artist Collective	April 26-28	\$ 665.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total		\$ 40,928.49	\$ 9,571.52	\$ 9,571.52	\$ 9,571.52

Total Available = \$9571.52

\$

Passed
2/20/02

Exhibit B

SB40-01/02

Resolution Supporting the Implementation of Internet Teacher Evaluations by ASUM

Whereas, student access to teacher evaluations would help facilitate educated course selection;

Whereas, online publication of teacher evaluations would help hold instructors accountable;

Whereas, many other institutions see the value in providing their students with this information;

Whereas, student input into course and teacher competency will serve as a catalyst in improving instruction;

Therefore let it be resolved, that the Associated Students of The University of Montana ~~supports the implementation of an online limited General Education focused course and teacher evaluation process;~~

Let it further be resolved, ASUM will solicit the cooperation of a selected number of professors willing to participate in this process. An ad hoc committee will be appointed by the ASUM president to facilitate this action.

Authored by: Adam Weinacker, ASUM Senator
Christopher W. Peterson, ASUM President

Passed
2/20/02

*Exhibit C
(as amended)*

SB41-01/02

Resolution to Abolish the Writing Proficiency Exam

Whereas, a student has to pass an upper division writing assessment to graduate from The University of Montana.

Whereas, a student has to pass a proficiency exam to graduate from English 101.

Whereas, the writing assessment does not correct the problem of poor writing abilities but punishes students for lack of an adequate education in English 101.

Whereas, it costs the University of Montana \$10.75 every time a student takes this exam.

Whereas, 25-30% of the students who take this exam fail it, and have to take it again.

Whereas, students receive no feedback from the exam and hence cannot improve their writing skills whether they pass or fail.

Therefore let it be resolved, that the ASUM support the abolition of the upper division writing assessment.

*Failed
2/20/02*