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## **1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

## **2. ROLL CALL**

## **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 17, 2013**

## **4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

## **5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

- a. Mountainside Chat: Billie Loewen, Montana Kaimin Editor-in-Chief
- b. STEIF Request - Chris Comer, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, and Beckie Christiaens, Director of Academic Budgets & Personnel, Office of the Provost
- c. Budget Cut Discussion - UM Professor Mehrdad Kia, Center for Southwest Asian Studies, and Professor Michael Mayer
- d. ASUM Social Media Presentation, Nicholas Childs
- e. Other

## **6. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

- a. Megan Stark - Mansfield Library
- b. Student Leadership Award Ceremony Follow-Up
- c. Other

## **7. BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT**

**SPECIAL ALLOCATION - \$9,683.93**

**STIP - \$70,312.01**

**TRAVEL SPECIAL ALLOCATION - \$495.00**

**ZERO-BASE CARRYOVER - \$112,069.21**

- a. Cycling Team Emergency Travel
- b. Kaimin Editor and Business Manager
- c. Student Group Community Transitions
- d. Special Allocations Usage
- e. ASUM Childcare - STARS
- f. Other

## **8. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

## **9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- a. SB80-12/13 - Resolution Regarding Financial Aid
- b. SB81-12/13 - Resolution Amending Election Bylaws
- c. SB82-12/13 - Resolution Regarding University of Montana Budget Cuts
- d. SB83-12/13 - Resolution Regarding Vote of Confidence
- e. SB84-12/13 - Resolution Recognizing the Republic of Texas's Right to Secede From the United States of America
- f. SB85-12/13 - Resolution Amending Bylaws
- g. SB86-12/13 - Resolution Regarding Ballot Referendum

## **10. NEW BUSINESS**

## **11. COMMENTS**

## **12. ADJOURNMENT**

**ASUM Senate Minutes**  
**Wednesday, April 24, 2013**  
**University Center 330/331, 6 p.m.**

Chair Hagfors called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. Present: President Brown, Vice President Hagfors, Business Manager Nielsen (7:09), Professor Smith; and Senators Batey, Blomker, Boslough, Brown, Chandler, Coon, Dolezal (6:07), Ellinger, Ferrara, Freund, Frissell, Gordon, Hazen, Hopkins, LeCoultré, Mikkola (7:20), Ormseth, Rich, Roddy, Sather, Schilke, Simpson, B., Simpson, D., and Watkins (6:07), and Williams. Unexcused: Senator Stein.

The minutes from the April 17, 2013 meeting were approved.

**Public Comment**

- James Bird, member of UM Cycling Team, was one of 2 riders who qualified for the National Cycling Championship in Ogden, Utah. The group is covering their registration costs on their own but the delay of reimbursement has left them with no money to travel.

The Chair recognized the presence of Senators Dolezal and Watkins.

- Amanda Stovall, co-author of SB80, brought students with her to answer questions about the unique financial aid issues facing Native Americans.
- Iva Croff, first-year student at The University of Montana and Native American Studies major, is also a member of the Blackfeet Tribe and worked as an office aid for the Financial Aid Department at her tribe's community college. Ms. Croff questioned the necessity of a Higher One card and why something local cannot be used in its stead as she has found the limits of the Higher One card frustrating. She also stated that the Financial Aid office on campus is uneducated about Native American students' financial needs and tribal scholarships and funds.
- Dustin Monroe, UM alumni and Executive Director of Western Native Voice, spoke in support of the Native American Financial Aid Officer and advocated for fair and specialized treatment of tribal students.
- Pari Kemmick, vice presidential candidate and President of Climate Action Now, spoke against the ballot referendum and resolution regarding the vote of no confidence towards President Engstrom.
- Donelle Williams, a Native American student and a transfer from MSU-Northern, spoke about her experiences with cultural and financial unawareness at the Financial Aid Office and expressed her wish for a specialized staff person who understood the differences between different tribal requirements.
- Kathy Aubrey, student and member of the Blackfeet Tribe, had to drop courses and has known students who were forced to drop out of school because of confusion or lack of funding. She stated that this position in the Financial Aid Office would help retain Native American students and help them deal with their specific tribe's timeframes and deadlines.
- John Davis, transfer student from Blackfeet Community College, spoke about his struggles with his first year of financial aid.

- Rodney First Strike, transfer student from Blackfeet Community College, did not have struggles with financial aid itself, but rather Higher One and its delays regarding his refunds.
- Eugene Elzinga, member of the Japanese Student Association, also speaking on behalf of the International Student Association, lent his support for the Vote of No Confidence referendum and gave an overview of his experience with the current president of the university and the last-minute cancellation of an annual event.
- Dylan S., UM alumni and tribe member, spoke on the complex workings of multiple funding sources that Native American students have to face each semester. He emphasized that having an officer who is familiar with all of those avenues of funding would be ideal. Native students are selected for verification more often than non-Native students, and Native student retention is extremely low, largely due to the complications of financial aid and tuition funding, he stated.
- Zaneta Dale, a Native American student, stressed that Native American students are valuable to this university and bring authentic Montana to the student body. They should not have to have a specialist, but unfortunately it's necessary.
- Sean Feenor, student, supported the vote of no confidence and wished for more efficiency toward how the president handles student issues.
- Jeff Renz, Chair of Faculty Senate, spoke in support of SB80 and also President Engstrom and his achievements over his tenure. He also spoke about the numbers and estimates for the upcoming budget cut.
- Shannon Buswell, Italian student, raised concerns regarding the budget cuts and how they have been affecting her home department. She expressed her upset at the lack of communication exhibited by the current administration and stated that she worried about how the lack of courses in her department would affect her general education and graduation requirements.
- Murphy Moran, student, expressed disapproval with President Engstrom and support of a Vote of No Confidence.
- Adriane Tailfeathers, a Native American student, gave an overview of her experience with financial aid and the confusion between the differences in fees, funding, and scholarships. She stated that students should be able to worry about their education and not worry about their funding.
- Chris Anderson, professor of French, spoke about the budget cuts and the power of the students.

### **President's Report**

- a. President Brown commended the public speakers for their passion and commitment to their cause.
- b. Billie Loewen, Editor-in-Chief of the Montana Kaimin, spoke on how lucky The University of Montana is to have an independently ran student paper and how it allows for more frank and truthful news coverage. She also shared her feelings about how the Letter to the Editor relating to Anime Club was handled and her wish to continue a close relationship with ASUM.
- c. Chris Comer, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and Beckie Christiaens, Director of Academic Budgets and Personnel, Office of the Provost presented a memo (Exhibit A). The request is from all of the Deans, who are looking for creative solutions to keep

quality in the classroom by allowing flexibility in the use of the Student Instructional Equipment Fee (STIEF) fund. While this fee funds important things like computers and projectors, there are more important things that the money can be used for. Dean Comer and Director Christiaens expressed their wish to have the student body and ASUM behind them when they bring this proposal to the Board of Regents.

- d. Two professors, Mehrdad Kia and Michael Mayer, came to speak about a budget cut petition and submitted a handout of potential fixes and solutions (Exhibit B). There will be a rally and press conference on May 1 at noon, and the Senate is invited to attend and show solidarity (Exhibit C).

A motion by **Hagfors-Nielsen** to move Megan Stark, Item A in the Vice President's Report, to the next item of discussion passed with unanimous consent.

- e. Megan Stark, ASUM liaison at the Mansfield Library, spoke to the Senate about digitizing the ASUM documents and requested the input on deciding what the most critical materials are to be scanned and digitized. She invited the senators to a meeting on Wednesday to discuss this issue.
- f. Nicholas Childs gave an overview of his accomplishments as Social Media Manager and participated in a conversation on social media and the future of his position. His PowerPoint (Exhibit D) was submitted for the minutes.
- g. President Engstrom sent an email to the student body regarding the budget cuts (Exhibit E).

### Vice President's Report

- a. A motion by **Ormseth-Boslough** to allow ASUM candidates to campaign on Election Day was proposed, with discussion called by **Nielsen**. The original motion passed, with unanimous consent called by **Hopkins**.

### Business Manager's Report

- a. A motion by **Schilke-Hazen** to approve the UM Cycling Team's Travel Allocation request (Exhibit F) in the amount of \$120 for lodging and \$148 for personal car passed by voice vote.
- b. A motion by **Brown, Z.-Blomker** to approve Men's Ultimate Frisbee's Travel Allocation request (Exhibit G) in the amount of \$250 for registration fees passed by voice vote. A motion by **Hagfors -Hazen** to approve the request in the amount of \$572.40 for personal car passed by voice vote. A motion by **Boslough-Hazen** to approve the request in the amount of \$400 for lodging passed by voice vote.
- c. The Kaimin editor and business manager selections have been made, and the new hires will come to introduce themselves to the Senate soon.
- d. The majority of student groups go idle during the summer, but BM Nielsen urged the senators to remind their student groups before they step down as their liaisons to contact either BM Nielsen or her replacement if they have any questions during that time.
- e. There is \$9,683.93 left in the Special Allocation fund, so BM Nielsen asked the senators to make their student groups aware of the remaining money that can help them fund their events.

- f. ASUM Childcare received a STARS high-rating for quality and standards. BM Nielsen sent around a card to be signed by the Senate in congratulations.
- g. Phi Theta Kappa formally invited the Senate to the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Member Induction Ceremony on April 27 at 6 p.m. in the Missoula College Administration Building Commons.

A motion by **Boslough-Hazen** to reopen UM Cycling Team's funding request passed by voice vote.

A motion by **Nielsen-Schilke** for a 10 minute recess passed by voice vote.

The record notes that there was not quorum at the recommencing of the meeting.

### Committee Reports

- Housing (Chandler) - Missoula City Council voted in favor of Accessory Dwelling Units, and the next vote will be on May 6 to adopt a final ordinance. The soft deadline for Theme Housing applications is Friday.
- Marketing and Outreach (Mikkola) - The committee met today and placed trifolds on the tables in the University Center.
- Transportation (Frissell) - The Mountain Line birthday celebration on The Oval went extremely well.

The record notes that quorum was established.

- Student Political Action (Ormseth) - The legislative bills for the Missoula College, tuition cap, and faculty pay all went through legislature to the Governor's desk for approval.
- Relations and Affairs (Simpson, D.) - The committee met Monday at 8pm to look at six resolutions, which passed with slight modifications. SB80 passed with a do-pass recommendation, while Senate Bills 81, 82, 83, and 85 passed with no recommendation. SB84 was tabled and SB86 was introduced by the Relations and Affairs Chair.
- Elections (Coon) - The referenda for the election were published in the Kaimin, which will also be printing a voters' guide next Tuesday. The committee is asking for volunteers to write pros and cons of each referendum. Expense reports for candidates are due Monday by 3 p.m. Voting starts at 12:01 a.m. on Wednesday. The committee also requests that the Senate vote on disqualifying senator candidate for not attending mandatory meetings and failing to keep in contact. A motion by **Coon-LeCoultre** to disqualify Ramzi Bitar was proposed, with discussion called by **Hazen**. The original motion passed by voice vote.
- Curry Health Center Director Search Committee (Sather) - The committee is trying to get students to meet the one candidate that has been invited to campus, at a brunch on May 3 at 10 a.m.

### Unfinished Business

- a. A motion by **Hazen-Brown, Z.** to approve SB80-12/13 (Exhibit H) passed by voice vote.
- b. A motion by **Schilke-Nielsen** to approve SB81-12/13 (Exhibit I), with unanimous consent called by **Rich**.

- c. A motion by **Hopkins-Nielsen** to approve SB85-12/13 (Exhibit J) passed by voice vote.
- d. The Chair elected to send SB82-12/13 as edited (Exhibit K) back to Relations and Affairs due to extensive editing. A motion by **Schilke-Batey** to accept this ruling passed by voice vote. A motion by **Ormseth-Gordon** to appeal the ruling of the Chair was proposed, with the Chair's ruling failing 13-14 by roll call vote (see Tally Sheet #1). A motion by **Williams-Nielsen** to send the resolution back to Relations and Affairs passed by voice vote.
- e. A motion by **Hopkins, Simpson, B.** to open SB86 (Exhibit L) was proposed, with objection called by **Brown, Z.** The objection failed 13-13 by roll call vote (see Tally Sheet #2). President Brown read VP Hagfors' letter (Exhibit M) regarding his opinions on the resolutions in question. A motion by **Schilke-Nielsen** to postpone SB86 indefinitely was proposed, with discussion called by **Ormseth.** A motion by **Brown, Z.-Batey** to end discussion failed 12-13 by roll call vote (see Tally Sheet #3). A motion by **Nielsen-Ferrara** to end discussion passed 22-4 by roll call vote (see Tally Sheet #4). A motion by **Schilke-Nielsen** to postpone indefinitely passed 16-10 by roll call vote (see Tally Sheet #5).

A motion by **Nielsen-Blomker** for a 5 minute recess passed by voice vote.

- f. A motion by **Ellinger-Blomker** to postpone SB83-12/13 (Exhibit N) indefinitely was proposed, with discussion called by **Hopkins.** A motion by **Sather-Ellinger** to close discussion passed 17-10 by roll call vote (see Tally Sheet #6). The original motion passed 16-11 by roll call vote (see Tally Sheet #7).

### **New Business**

Resolutions of recognition (17)  
Resolution regarding Health and Human Performance  
Resolutions amending Personnel Policy (2)  
Resolution amending Fiscal Policy  
Resolution regarding Yellow Ribbon Policy  
Resolutions amending House Rules (4)  
Resolutions amending Bylaws (7)  
Resolution regarding student research  
Resolutions regarding faculty (2)  
Resolution regarding Marketing Director  
Resolution regarding budget cuts  
Resolution regarding Student Staff Faculty Budget Committee  
Resolutions regarding Residence Life (2)  
Resolution regarding STIEF request  
Resolution regarding Greek Life  
Resolutions regarding University Budget (3)  
Resolution regarding University Golf Course

### **Comments**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:34 a.m.

Julia Evans  
ASUM Senate Secretary